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## TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 1937

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No. 144

D. B. HEINER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS FORMER COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PETITIONER

vs.

PAUL MELLON, DAVID K. E. BRUCE, AND DONALD D. SHEPARD, EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF A. W. MELLON, DECEASED

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No. 145

D. B. HEINER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS FORMER COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PETITIONER

vs.

JENNIE KING MELLON, RICHARD KING MELLON, SARAH MELLON SCAIFE, ET AL., ETC.

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ON WRITS OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

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PETITION FOR CERTIORARI FILED JUNE 15, 1937

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*Bill of Exceptions—Plaintiffs' Offers.*

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(The Court later in the trial, upon motion of the defendant for leave to amend his affidavit of defense in answer to Paragraph 22 of the statement of claim, allowed an amendment in answer to the second or last sentence of Paragraph 22 of said statement of claim, as will hereinafter appear.)

*Mr. Booth:*

Paragraph 23, except that the amount of the deficiency in this case asserted by the Commissioner was \$41,008.84:

23. In his final deficiency letter to the plaintiff, dated March 15, 1929, covering the year 1925, the Commissioner notified plaintiff that a deficiency of \$41,008.84 would be assessed unless an appeal were taken to the United States Board of Tax Appeals within sixty days. Plaintiff took no appeal, and the deficiency was assessed and payment duly made. This deficiency arose by virtue of the Commissioner's action in determining a profit on the liquidation of the said partnerships of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company in excess of that reported. He eliminated from ordinary income the so-called current profits for the year 1925 reported by plaintiff on his tax return from the liquidation of said partnerships and included as capital gain the entire net profit on the liquidation, together with the aforementioned profit for the year 1920 upon which the additional assessment for that year was based, giving the following explanation:



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Profit reported on the liquidation of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company has been eliminated as it is held that the profit on the liquidation of the above companies is capital net gain.

*Mr. Eustace:*

To which offer the defendant objects, for the reason that Paragraph 23 of the statement of claim is wholly immaterial and irrelevant, does not present any issue material to the determination of the issues in this case, and as redundant.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled for the present, and exception noted.

*Mr. Booth:*

Paragraph 25, as far as admitted, in that the claim for refund was for \$187,787.17:

25. On or about March 19, 1929, plaintiff filed with the defendant, on the form prescribed by the Commissioner for that purpose, claim for refund of \$187,787.17 for the year 1920.

Paragraph 26:

26. Although more than six months' time has expired since the filing of this claim for refund the Commissioner has taken no action thereon either as to the allowance or the disallowance of said refund.

I call the Court's attention to the fact that the statement of claim, as shown by the record, was filed October 24, 1933, and that on that date this statement was true, although it is not true now.

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**Paragraph 28:**

28. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has included \* \* \* profits of \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28 of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company, respectively, in the income of the plaintiff for the year 1925, and has also included said \* \* \* profits in plaintiff's income for 1925. He has assessed and collected a tax on the same income in each of said years.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Objection is made to that part of Paragraph 28 of the statement of claim reading "and has also included said profits in plaintiff's income for 1925", for the reason that it is irrelevant and immaterial; and also the last sentence of Paragraph 28, reading "He has assessed and collected a tax on the same income in each of said years," for the reason that that allegation is irrelevant and immaterial.

*The Court:*

That objection is overruled for the present, and exception noted.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, I offer in evidence as Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 1, claim for refund filed by R. B. Mellon on or about March 19, 1929 of income tax for the year 1920.

*Mr. Booth:*

I offer in evidence claim for refund for the year 1920 filed by A. W. Mellon on or about March 19, 1929, duly certified in accordance with law. The claim for refund has two letters attached to it, which are not

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and 4.*

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properly part of the claim for refund, and the offer in evidence does not include those two letters, but for the purpose of convenience and at the request of the defendant, we are leaving them attached to the claim for refund; they are to be excluded from our exhibit, however. The claim for refund is offered as Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2.

*Mr. Eustace:*

No objection.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, I offer in evidence as Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 3 income tax return filed on behalf of A. Overholt & Company for the year 1920.

I also offer in evidence, as Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 4, return of income filed by West Overton Distilling Company for the year 1920.

Plaintiffs' said Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4 so offered and admitted in evidence are in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

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**Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 1.**

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**Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 2.**

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**Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 4.**

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(EXECUTE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH TAX PERIOD)  
CLAIM FOR

- ☐ ABATEMENT OF TAX ASSESSED  
☐ CREDIT AGAINST OUTSTANDING ASSESSMENTS  
☒ REFUND OF TAXES ILLEGALLY COLLECTED  
☒ REFUND OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR STAMPS  
USED IN ERROR OR MISTAKE

NOTICE TO COLLECTOR

Collector must indicate to whom  
this claim is made, and to whom  
the refund is to be made.

Name of ALLGHERY

H. B. MELLON

6500 Fifth Avenue,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

This statement, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that this statement is made on behalf of the taxpayer named, and  
and the facts herein stated are true and correct.

I, Robert H. Mellon, declare that

I am the owner of the property described in the foregoing statement.

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Smiley

I certify that an examination of the records of the Bureau of Internal Revenue shows the following facts as to the assessment and payment of the tax:

NAME OF DEBITOR.	DATE OF ACCOUNT and period covered.	Yr.	Month.	Page.	Vols.	Amount.	Date paid.	Disputed by which party.
B. B. Mulder	Paid	1926	304	170		\$101668.32	3-15-21	"
Estate of J. G. S. S. S.						\$101668.32	6-17-21	"
Edinburgh, Pa.						\$101668.32	9-19-21	"
		1927	May	016	170	\$101668.32	12-17-21	"
						\$17525.70		"
						\$12525.70		"
						\$189781.17	5-19-27	"

**Collector of Internal Revenue**

Document Clerk, Communications, O

I certify that the records of my office show the following facts as to the purchase of stamps:

If special form stamp, state	Serial number.	Period commencing	Agent	Date of info. received.	Description	Status	Remarks	Disposition	Date of info. received.	Agent	Period commencing

REJECTED  
41418  
I. T. SCHEDULE

Collector \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

District

**Schedule Number**

**Abused or Rejected Timber**

Q. Now, you're not going to tell me what the defendant said, are you?

1990

**Received and submitted for action**

19.

12	12	12
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Amount claimed: \$87787.12

Amount allowed—

Amount reflected—4682281

11-11-11

## CONDUCTIVITY ON CLAYERS

to 1924 resulting from said liquidation should be added to or subtracted from the partners individual incomes for those years.

Accordingly the income of the taxpayer for the year 1920 should be reduced by the amounts of \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28, erroneously included by the Commissioner in income for that year.

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(EXECUTE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH TAX PERIOD)  
CLAIM FOR

- ☐ ABATEMENT OF TAX ASSESSED  
☐ CREDIT AGAINST OUTSTANDING ASSESSMENTS  
☒ REFUND OF TAXES ILLEGALLY COLLECTED  
☐ REFUND OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR STAMPS USED IN ERROR OR EXCESS

IMPORTANT

File with Collector of Internal Revenue when amount is such that complete return is not required.

State of Pennsylvania

County of Allegheny

NOTICE TO COLLECTOR

Collector must indicate in blank above the kind of claim, except in Internal Tax cases.

Date received by Administrative

25 1929

STAMPS CONTROL SECTION

A. V. MELLON

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

TYPE OR PRINT

(Business address.)

This document, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that this statement is made on belief that the facts given below with reference to said statement are true and complete:

1. Business in which engaged Secretary of the Treasury

2. Character of assessment or tax INCOME

(Specify for or upon what the tax was assessed or the stamps affixed.)

3. Amount of assessment or stamps purchased

4. Reduction of Tax Liability requested (Income and Profits Tax)

5. Amount to be abated

6. Amount to be refunded (or such greater amount as is legally refundable)

7. Dates of payment (see Collector's receipts or indorsements of canceled checks)

(If indorsement covers income tax liability, items 8-11, inclusive, must be answered.)

8. Dates for which return (if any) was filed 23rd Penn'a.

9. Dates in which unpaid assessment appears

10. Amount of overpayment claimed as credit

11. Unpaid assessment against which credit is asked; period from

Depositor verily believes that this application should be allowed for the following reasons:

In my tax return for 1920 there was included in my income the profits of \$45,350.74 and \$5,960.55 as operating profits of the partnership of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Co., respectively. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue increased the income reported from these partnerships to \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28, respectively, and assessed additional taxes thereon. Mr. H. O. Frick, one of the partners in 1919. In 1925 the remaining assets of these partnerships were distributed. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that these businesses were in liquidation from the death of Mr. Frick on Dec. 3, 1919 and that the remaining partners and the Estate are taxable in 1925 when final liquidation was made and that no profit or loss for any year

(continued on attached sheet)

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day

March 29 1929

Signed:

A. V. Mellon

Notary Public.

W. L. Conner, Notary Public, COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 11, 1930

by H. O. Frick Agent

(This affidavit may be sworn to before a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue or Revenue Agent without charge.)

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RECEIVED  
5/1/29 MAY 27 1929  
Office of the  
Collector of Internal Revenue

RECEIVED

Collector of Internal Revenue  
23rd District of Pennsylvania  
MAR 3 1929

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

Collector of Internal Revenue

2092701

1

**Schedule No.**

I certify that an examination of the records of the Bureau of Internal Revenue shows the following facts as to the assessment and payment of the tax:

[illegible]

Collector of Internal Revenue.

Assessment Clerk, Commissioner's Office

I certify that the records of my office show the following facts as to the purchase of stamps:

[illegible]

Collector

*District.*

THE

District

**Selected Number**

21413

(Mixture of base.)

RECORDED

**Transmitted and submitted for action**

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## COMMITTEE ON CLAYES

24/23 19416075

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from 1919 to 1924 resulting from said liquidation should be added to or subtracted from the partners individual incomes for those years. Accordingly the income of the taxpayer for the year 1920 should be reduced by the amounts of \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28, erroneously included by the Commissioner in income for that year.

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IF RETURN IS FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 1941  
FILE IT WITH THE  
COLLECTOR OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE  
FOR YOUR DISTRICT  
ON OR BEFORE  
MARCH 15, 1942

IF FOR A PERIOD  
OTHER THAN A  
CALENDAR YEAR, THE  
RETURN SHOULD BE  
FILED ON OR BEFORE  
THE 15TH DAY OF  
THE THIRD MONTH  
FOLLOWING THE  
CLOSE OF SUCH  
PERIOD

KIND OF BUSINESS

1. Gross sales, less returns and allowances
2. Less cost of goods sold, exclusive of cost of goods returned below (from Schedule A12)
3. Gross income from services or other
4. Interest on obligations of the War Finance Corporation
5. Taxable interest from all other sources
6. Rentals
7. Royalties
8. Share of net income earned by partnership (if not a personal service corporation)
9. Dividends from earnings of corporation
10. Dividends on stock of foreign corporation
11. Gross income from all other sources
12. TOTAL OF ITEMS 1 TO 11
13. Ordinary and necessary expenses (from Schedule A13)
14. Compensation of members (including salaries, commissions, and other compensation)
15. Repairs (including labor, supplies, etc.)
16. Interest (from Schedule A16)
17. Taxes (except Federal income taxes assessed against local bonds)
18. Debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off
19. Exhaustion, wear and tear (depreciation) (from Schedule A17)

21. Total for Items 12 to 19
22. Depreciation Reserve
23. Profit or loss on sale of capital assets
24. Losses sustained during accounting period
25. Amortization of War Facilities
26. NET INCOME FOR ACCOUNTING PERIOD (from Items 21 and 22 AND ITEM 25)

OBLIGATIONS	First Liberty Loan Conversion Bonds of 1942-47
INTEREST DATES	June 1st December 1st
Amount of interest	
TOTAL INTEREST ON ALL OBLIGATIONS	

**TOTAL INTEREST ON ALL OBLIGATIONS AS BROWN**

State the amount of Victory Liberty Loan 31% and 41% 1115

State the amount of Fourth Liberty Loan 41% Bonds only 94

Enter below the share of net income (whether electric  
any income and profits taxes paid by the partnership or not)  
if the distributable interests in the net income are as

Percentage of partnership in distributable income

1. Name and address of each, as shown on last/first/last

(a) **Richard M. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

(b) **Andrew J. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

(c) **Estate of H.C. Fick, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

(d)

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**TOTALS**

The undersigned, being severally duly sworn, each for  
and is to the best of his knowledge and belief a true and  
correct statement of the facts herein stated and  
sworn to and subscribed before me this

*[Signature]*

Notary Public

making affidavit.

My Commission Expires

February 21, 1923

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**LIST OF SCHEDULES ATTACHED:**

- Schedule VI" - Balance Sheets.**
- Schedule A-3 - Gross Income other than Manufacturing.**
- Schedule A-5 - Taxable Interest.**
- Schedule A-13 - Ordinary & Necessary Expenses.**
- Schedule A-14 - Compensation of Member.**
- Schedule A-23 - Sale of Investment or Assets.**

**List of Other Concerns in same business.**

**SPECIAL SCHEDULE ON ACCOUNT LIQUIDATION.**

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LIST OF OTHER CONCERNS IN SAME BUSINESS.

The Old '76 Distilling Co.,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
The Frankfort Distillery, Inc.	Frankfort, Ky.
E.H. Taylor, Jr. & Sons,	Frankfort, Ky.
Jas. E. Pepper Distilling Co.,	Lexington, Ky.
Sunnybrook Distilling Co.,	Louisville, Ky.
Reck Springs Distilling Co.,	Owensboro, Ky.

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**A. OYERHOLT & COMPANY  
PITTSBURGH, PA.**

**SPECIAL SCHEDULE - AMOUNTS OF SALES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, ETC. APPLIED  
TO ACCOUNT OF LIQUIDATION FOR YEAR 1920 - UNION  
TRUST CO. OF PA., LIQUIDATING AGENT.**

**LIQUIDATION.**

Sales of Bonded Whiskey from Bonded Warehouses	-	\$ 928,273.71
Inventory 1/1/20	-	\$598,676.58
Do. 12/31/20	-	<u>498,748.43</u>

**GROSS LIQUIDATION**

	-	<u>96,928.04</u>
	-	\$ 831,345.67

**COSTS CHARGED.**

Insurance.	\$ 16,000.00
Taxes.	3,000.00
Salesman's Sal. & Comm.	11,726.00
Storage.	23,446.60
U.S. Tax Paid.	<u>9,857.70</u>
	64,030.30

**GENERAL EXPENSES.**

Distillery Labor, Expense and Maintenance.	46,791.27
Salaries.	14,302.03
Broad Ford Office Exp.	1,809.80
Office Rent & Misc.	3,039.02
Advertising and Other Exp.	<u>55,047.46</u>
	<u>120,989.58</u>

	\$ 185,019.88
	\$ 646,325.79
	<u>1.84</u>

Misc. Claim Adjustment,

**NET AMOUNT LIQUIDATION**

	\$ 646,327.63
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The Partnership of A. Overholt & Co. consisted of A.W.Mellon, R.B. Mellon and Henry C. Frick and was created on December 30, 1918, for the purpose of liquidating the assets of A.Overholt & Co., a Pennsylvania corporation.

Mr. Frick died on December 4, 1919, and, under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, Messrs. A.W. and R.B.Mellon were, as surviving partners, required to carry on the liquidation of the assets of the copartnership.

On February 1, 1921, Messrs. Mellon, as liquidating partners, transferred all of the assets, real, personal and mixed of the copartnership, to The Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, as liquidating agent.



(4) General class (use key letter designation) **P**

(5) Main income producing business. Give specifically the information called for also whether acting as principal or as agent, an examiner. State if inactive or

**Storage of Whiskey - Bottling for  
Sale of Purchased Whiskey from our  
own name - Partnership in Liquor**

A personal service corporation must explain its business in sufficient detail to justify the character of the business is different from that carried on during the previous year. If the character of the change must be explained. Where necessary, the statement above which should be firmly attached to this return.

#### OTHER CONCERNS IN SAME BUSINESS

Attach hereto a list of the names and addresses of five representative concerns of the country engaged in the same kind of business.

#### ORGANIZATION OR INCORPORATION

6. Date of organization or incorporation **December 30, 1914**

7. If incorporated, under the laws of what State?

8. Is the corporation a successor to or was it formed to take over or conduct part of corporation? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, state names and address of predecessor or other corporation, the financial, managerial, and contractual relationships existing between your corporation \_\_\_\_\_

#### VALUATIONS OF CAPITAL STOCK

9. What was the fair value of the total capital stock of the corporation as determined if any, of the capital stock tax? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of that assessment \_\_\_\_\_

#### AFFILIATIONS WITH CORPORATIONS

10. Does the corporation own directly or control through wholly affiliated subsidiaries over 10 per cent of the outstanding voting capital stock of another corporation? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Is over 10 per cent of your voting capital stock owned by another corporation of whom that are affiliated? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Is over 10 per cent of your voting capital stock as well as 10 per cent of another corporation or of other corporation owned or controlled by the same individual or individuals or partnerships? \_\_\_\_\_



SCHEDULE "E" - BALANCE SHEETS.

**A. OYERHOLT & COMPANY.**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA.**

<b>ASSETS.</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 1920</b>	<b>Jan. 1, 1920.</b>
Cash.		1,667.17
Bills Receivable.	Overdraft (\$ 7,039.13)	
Accts. Rec. & Tax.	2,665,600.00	1,915,000.00
Inventories.	358,033.98	360,008.88
	867,220.27	900,395.52
<b>Investments:</b>		
Liberty Loan Bonds.	---	105,000.00
Miller Property.	6,817.81	6,817.81
	6,817.81	111,817.81
Property & Plant.	253,261.27	253,261.27
Expenses Paid in Advance.	8,438.01	10,324.80
	<u>3,952,332.21</u>	<u>3,552,475.45</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable.	9,370.06	192,610.85
Reserves:		
Depreciation.	260,000.00	260,000.00
Capital Stock Tax & Other Taxes.	10,276.54	20,000.00
Inventory Depreciation 1919.		198,558.85
Liquidation.	646,327.63	-- --
Profit & Loss 1920.	145,052.23	-- --
	<u>3,952,332.21</u>	<u>3,552,475.45</u>
<b>NET WORTH PARTNERS FOR LIQUIDATION</b>		
R.B. Mellon.	960,435.25	960,435.25
A.W. Mellon.	960,435.25	960,435.25
Estate of H.C. Frick.	960,435.25	960,435.25
	<u>\$ 3,952,332.21</u>	<u>\$ 3,552,475.45</u>

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A. OVERHOLT & CO. - PITTSBURGH, PA.

SCHEDULE A-5 - GROSS INCOME FROM OPERATIONS OTHER THAN MANUFACTURING.

SALES:

Empty Barrels,	-	\$ 6,609.51
Bottling & Casing	-	380,533.61
Storage billed,	-	<u>43,550.50</u>
		\$230,693.62

COSTS CHARGED TO SALES:

Labor,	\$ 12,859.41
Revenue Stamps,	8,080.90
Cases, Bottles, Corks, and	
other bottling supplies,	150,922.51
Water & Other Expenses,	<u>10,751.98</u>
	\$ 182,560.80

Storage Labor & Expenses:

A. OVERHOLT & COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, PA.

SCHEDULE A-5 - TAXABLE INTEREST.

Interest on Daily Balances - Mellon Nat. Bank - \$ 3,480.73

SCHEDULE A-13 - ORDINARY & NECESSARY EXPENSES.

Salaries,

\$ 14,302.02

Broad Ford Office Expenses,

1,809.80

Office Rent, Incidentals, etc.

3,039.01

TOTAL

\$ 18,150.83

SCHEDULE A-15 - SALE OF INVESTMENTS OR ASSETS.

Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4 Bonds

Purchase Price,

\$ 105,000.00

Acquired 1918.

Sold to Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa. - Jan. 21, 1920.

Sale Price (Includes all accrued interest) -

99,671.25

NET LOSS

\$ 5,328.75

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**EXHIBIT A-14 - CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS OF PARTNERSHIP.**

**R.B. Mellen, Managing Partner, Part Time - \$5,000.00 annually.**

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五、六十年代，中國電影界曾出現過兩次「電影民族化」的熱潮。第一次是五十年代初，第二次是六十年代初。這兩次熱潮，都是對當時電影界所面臨的「民族化」問題的一種回應。在五十年代初，中國電影界正處於一個轉型期，從舊中國的電影向新中國的電影過渡。當時，電影界面臨著如何將西方電影技術與中國傳統文化相結合的問題。第二次熱潮則是在六十年代初，當時中國電影界正處於一個探索期，試圖在電影藝術上實現更大的突破。這兩次熱潮，都反映了中國電影界對「民族化」問題的關注和探索。

FOR CATALOG YEAR 1920 DEC 31 1920

On the period of \_\_\_\_\_ and under \_\_\_\_\_

WEST OVERTON DISTILLING CO.

WEST OVERTON DISTILLING CO.

**Scottsdale, Pa.**

**800-368-1414**

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BUSINESS *Distilled* STATE WHETHER PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION  
☒ **SCHEDULE A—INCOME TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY MEMBERS**

**SCHEDULE A—INCOME TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY MINISTERS**

GROSS INCOME				
less returns and allowances on goods sold, exclusive of expenses, repairs, and other items called for separately from Schedule A5)			\$7739.00	
			3012792	27601.08
less from services or from operations other than trading or manufacturing, less allowances (from Schedule A5) of obligations of the United States issued since September 1, 1917 (except Victory Liberty Loan 4% Notes), and since Corporation Bonds (from Schedule B, see Schedule A6)				
interest from all other sources (not including interest referred to under Item 2, Schedule D) (from Schedule A5)				12440
net income earned by a partnership or personal service corporation during its accounting period (whether received from earnings of corporations taxable by the United States on their net incomes (including dividends on stock of service corporations declared out of profits earned prior to January 1, 1918) (from Schedule A5)				
on stock of foreign corporations not taxable by the United States on their net incomes (from Schedule A10)				
none from all other sources (not including any amount reported in Item 28 below) (from Schedule A11)				

CAL. OF ITEMS 1 TO 11

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and necessary expenses (except amounts reported in Item 1 above or called for separately below) (from Schedule

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tion of members (including shareholders of personal service corporation who drew salaries therefrom and salaries, bonus, and other compensation in whatever form paid) (from Schedule A14)

including labor, supplies, etc.) (from *Science* 115)

from Schedule A10)

cept Federal income and profits taxes, and taxes which are a credit under Section 223 or Section 208, and taxes against local benefits of a kind tending to increase the value of the property assessed.)

retained to be worthless and charged off during accounting period (New Schedule A18)

in wear and tear (including obsolescence) from 2-1/2% to 4.1%.



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**SCHEDULE D—INTEREST ON LIQUIDITY MONDS, ETC.**

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will terminate on the occurrence as shown above (to be entered on Form 4, Schedule A, and distributed to column 1, Schedule C).

amount of Victory Liberty Loan 21% and 41% Notes originally submitted for and still owned at the date of filing this return

amount of Pondera Library Loan 41% Bonds originally authorized for and still owned at the date of filing this notice

## SCHOOL C-HEMISTS' SHAPES OF NORMAL, ETC.

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1. Name and Address of Donor, or Name of Corporation or Firm	2. Amount	3. Date	4. Other Remarks	5. Name and Address of Recipient	6. Amount	7. Date	8. Other Remarks
Edward B. Mellon 20 - 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.	1/3			May 1924	596055	Profit	
John W. Mellon Edmond Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1/3			May 1924	596055	Profit	
S. Fayer Estate Pittsburgh, Pa.	1/3			May 1924	596054	Profit	
TOTAL					177116		

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February 21, 1934



**SCHEDULE D—RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME AND ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN SURPLUS.**

<p>from Schedule A, Item 23</p> <p>not to be accounted for by method</p> <p>on dividends of the United States issued before Septem-</p> <p>ber 1, 1917, <u>United States Loan 5% Note</u> and obligations</p> <p>in United States territories.</p> <p>Interest on obligations of States, Territories, and political sub-</p> <p>divisions thereof</p> <p>Interest on Farm Loan Bonds issued under Federal Farm Loan</p> <p>Act</p> <p>Dividends on stock of personal service corporations from net</p> <p>income earned during the period between January 1, 1918, and</p> <p>the beginning of present accounting period</p> <p>Profits which are derived from the sale of stock, and which are</p> <p>exempt under Section 23 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920</p> <p>Other items (to be detailed):</p> <p>(1) _____</p> <p>(2) _____</p> <p>as against reserves for bad debts, contingencies, etc. (to be detailed):</p> <p>(1) _____</p> <p>(2) _____</p> <p>of Items 1 to 3, inclusive</p> <p>from Item 13</p> <p>profit for period as shown by books, before any adjustments are</p> <p>therein (Item 4 minus Item 5)</p> <p>its and undivided profits as shown by balance sheet at close of</p> <p>ending taxable period</p> <p>credits to surplus (to be detailed):</p> <p>of Items 6 to 8, inclusive</p> <p>from 16</p> <p>its and undivided profits as shown by balance sheet at close of</p> <p>taxing period (Item 9 minus Item 10)</p>	<p>17 887 64</p> <p>12. Unallowable deductions:</p> <p>(a) Donations, gratuities, and contributions</p> <p>(b) Income and profits taxes paid to the United States, its possessions</p> <p>or a foreign country</p> <p>(c) Special improvement taxes tending to increase the value of the</p> <p>property assessed</p> <p>(d) Furniture and fixtures, additions, or betterments treated as ex-</p> <p>penditures on the books</p> <p>(e) Replacements and renewals</p> <p>(f) Insurance premiums paid on the life of any officer or shareholder</p> <p>the benefit of the corporation or business</p> <p>(g) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase securities</p> <p>other than obligations of the United States (after September 24, 1917), the interest upon which is wholly</p> <p>exempt from taxation</p> <p>(h) Additions to sinking fund reserve, and reserves for bad debts and</p> <p>other contingencies (to be detailed):</p> <p>(1) _____</p> <p>(2) _____</p> <p>(3) _____</p> <p>(4) Other unallowable deductions (to be detailed):</p> <p>(1) _____</p> <p>(2) _____</p> <p>(3) _____</p> <p>13. Total of Item 12</p> <p>14. Dividends or withdrawals (state whether paid in cash, stock of the</p> <p>company, or other property):</p> <p>(a) Date paid _____ Character _____</p> <p>(b) Date paid _____ Character _____</p> <p>(c) Date paid _____ Character _____</p> <p>(d) Date paid _____ Character _____</p> <p>15. Other debts to surplus (to be detailed):</p> <p>(a) _____</p> <p>(b) _____</p> <p>16. Total of Items 14 and 15</p> <p>17 887 64</p>
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**SCHEDULE E—BALANCE SHEETS.**

Each hereto balance sheet as of the beginning and end of the taxable year (preferably in parallel columns), showing as nearly as practicable the details called for below: (These sheets should be prepared from the books and should be in agreement therewith, or any differences should be reconciled.)

ASSETS (Continued).		LIABILITIES	
<b>Fixed assets:</b>		<b>Loans and notes payable:</b>	
Land.		To members.	
Buildings.		To others (including bank loans).	
Machinery.		<b>Accounts payable:</b>	
Tools and minor equipment.		Trade.	
Delivery equipment.		Other.	
Office furniture.			
Other (state character).			
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Less reserves for depreciation and depletion (show separately amount applicable to each fixed asset). NET VALUE.		<b>Accrued expenses and reserves, the charges creating which are allowable deductions from income (to be detailed).</b>	
Patents, good will, and other intangible assets:		<b>Reserves, the charges creating which are not allowable deductions from income (to be detailed):</b>	
Paid for in cash or other tangible property.		Reserves for losses on loans and accounts receivable.	
Paid for in stock (other than stock dividends) or in shares of a partnership.		Other reserves (to be detailed).	
Created by stock dividend or otherwise.		<b>Capital stock outstanding (to be classified), or all partners' capital and current accounts (to be detailed).</b>	
Discount:		<b>Surplus and undivided profits.</b>	
On bonds.			
On stock.		<b>TOTAL</b>	

\*Reserves for depreciation may be deducted from the respective asset accounts or itemized on the liability side of the balance sheet.

## QUESTIONS.

13. If the answer to questions 10, 11, and 12, or any of them, is "yes," the following information should be furnished as at the beginning of the accounting period, indicating any substantial changes during each period:

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**KIND OF BUSINESS.**

7 means of the key letters given below, identify the corporation's main income producing activity with its general classes, and follow this by a special description of the business, sufficient to give the information under each general class:

A—Agriculture and related industries, including fishing, logging, ice harvesting, etc. including the leasing of property. State the product or products. B—Mining and quarrying, including gas and oil wells. State the material of such property. State the product or products. C—Manufacturing. State the product or the material if not implied by the name of the product. D—Construction—excavations, building, railroads, ships, etc., also equipping and installing same with systems, devices, or machinery, without manufacture. State nature of structures built, materials used or kind of installations. E1—Transportation—water, coal, etc. E2—State the kind and special product transported, if any. E3—Public utilities—gas (coal or water); electric light or power (hydro or steam generated); heating (steam or hot water); telephone and power. E4—Storage—without trading or profit from sales (elevator, warehouse, stock-pile). State product stored. E5—Leasing transportation or utilities. State kind of property. F—In goods produced and not produced by the trading concern. State manner of trade, whether wholesale or commission. State the product handled. Sales with storey with profit primarily from sales. G—Service, including hotels, restaurants, etc. G1—Amusement; other professional, personal, or technical service. G2—Finance, including banking, real estate, insurance. F—Concerns not falling in above classes. H—Financing. State the activity falling in two or more of the above general classes. Where the concern whose business involves financing is not in two or more of the above general classes, where the act is concerned, should receive but one letter.





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IF RETURN IS FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR END  
FILE IT WITH THE  
COLLECTOR OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE  
FOR YOUR DISTRICT  
ON OR BEFORE  
MARCH 14, 1923

IF FOR A PERIOD  
OTHER THAN A  
CALENDAR YEAR, THE  
RETURN SHOULD BE  
FILED ON OR BEFORE  
THE 15TH DAY OF  
THE THIRD MONTH  
FOLLOWING THE  
CLOSE OF SUCH  
PERIOD

KIND OF BUSINESS *Drugs*

1. Gross sales, less returns and allowances.
2. Less cost of goods sold, exclusive of expenses below (from Schedule A3)
3. Gross income from services or from operations
4. Interest on obligations of the United States or War Finance Corporation Bonds (from Schedule A4)
5. Taxable interest from all other sources (from Schedule A5)
6. Rentals
7. Royalties
8. Share of net income earned by a partner or not)
9. Dividends from earnings of corporations or personal service corporations declared or payable
10. Dividends on stock of foreign corporation
11. Gross income from all other sources (not included in items 1 to 10)
12. TOTAL OF ITEMS 1 TO 11
13. Ordinary and necessary expenses (except depreciation) (from Schedule A13)
14. Compensation of members (including share of profits, commissions, and other compensation in kind)
15. Repairs (including labor, supplies, etc.) (from Schedule A14)
16. Interest (from Schedule A16)
17. Taxes (except Federal income and profits taxes assessed against local benefits of a kind not included in items 1 to 11)
18. Debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off
19. Exhaustion, wear and tear (including obsolescence) (from Schedule A19)
20. Depreciation (from Schedule A20)
21. TOTAL OF ITEMS 13 TO 20
22. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ITEMS 12 AND 21
23. Profit or loss on sales of capital assets and on investments
24. Losses sustained during accounting period
25. Amortization of War Facilities (from Schedule A21)
26. NET INCOME FOR ACCOUNTING PERIOD TO WHICH THIS RETURN IS FOR (Items 22 AND ITEMS 23-25)

OBIGATIONS	First Liberty Loan Converted 4% Bonds of 1922-23	Second Liberty Loan of 1923
INTEREST DATES	June 15, December 15	May, November

OBLIGATIONS	First Liberty Loan Certificate of 1917-18	Second Liberty Loan Certificate of 1918-19
	June 11, December 11	May 11, November 11
INTEREST DATES		
Amount of Interest	\$	\$

**TOTAL INTEREST ON ALL OBLIGATIONS AS SHOWN**

State the amount of Victory Liberty Loan 3½% and 4½%

State the amount of Fourth Liberty Loan 4½% Bonds on

Enter below the share of net income (whether distributed or not) paid by the partnership or company to the distributees in the net income are

Whether in partnership or otherwise of persons

1. Name and address of each, as shown on individual tax

(a) Richard B. Mellon  
(b) 6500 - 5th Ave, Pittsburgh,

(c)  
(d) Andrew W. Mellon  
(e) Woodland Road, Pittsburgh

(f)  
(g) H. S. Fisher Estate  
(h) Pittsburgh, Pa.

(i) Totals

The undersigned, being personally duly sworn, each and is to the best of his knowledge and belief a true and issued under authority thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Seal of officer's  
notary public

7/29/22 My Commission Expires  
February 21, 1923

# SCHEDULE D—RECONCILIATION

1. Net income from Schedule A, Item 20

2. Income not to be accounted for by members

(a) Interest on obligations of the United States issued before September 1, 1917, bearing interest at less than 6% Notes and obligations of United States

(b) Interest on obligations of States, Territories, and political subdivisions

(c) Interest on Farm Loan Bonds issued under Federal Farm Loan Act

(d) Dividends on stock of personal service corporations from net income earned during the period between January 1, 1918, and the beginning of present accounting period

(e) Profits which are derived from the sale of vessels, and which are exempt under Section 23 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920

(f) Other items (to be detailed):

(1) -----

(2) -----

3. Charges against reserves for bad debts, contingencies, etc. (to be detailed)

(a) -----

(b) -----

(c) -----

4. Total of Items 1 to 3, inclusive

5. Total from Item 13

6. Net profit for period as shown by books, before any adjustments are made therein (Item 4 minus Item 5)

7. Surplus and undivided profits as shown by balance sheet at close of preceding taxable period

8. Other credits to surplus (to be detailed):

(a) -----

(b) -----

9. Total of Items 6 to 8, inclusive

10. Total from Item 16

11. Surplus and undivided profits as shown by balance sheet at close of accounting period (Item 9 minus Item 10)

Attach hereto balance sheets as of the beginning and end of the taxable period. Attach hereto balance sheets as of the beginning and end of the taxable period. Attach hereto balance sheets as of the beginning and end of the taxable period.

## ASSETS.

Cash (including cash in bank and on hand, certificates of deposit, etc.).

Trade accounts (before deducting reserves for losses).

Notes receivable from customers.

Other accounts and notes receivable (to be classified).

Inventories:

Raw materials.

Work in progress.

Finished products.

Supplies.

Investments:

Bonds—

U. S. bonds and obligations (each issue to be stated separately).

Exempt (municipal, State, etc.).

Other.

Stock of corporations—

Foreign.

Domestic.

Loans and advances:

To members and employees.

To others.

Deferred charges to future operations (to be detailed.)

\*Reserves for depreciation

## KIND OF BUSINESS.

1. By means of the key letters given below, identify the corporation's main line of business, and follow this by a special description of the business called for under each general class:

A—Agriculture and related industries, including fishing, logging, ice harvesting, etc. State the product or products. B—Mining and quarrying, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products. C—Manufacturing, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products. D—Transportation, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products. E—Storage, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products. F—Finance, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products. G—Insurance, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products. H—Other, including the leasing of such property. State the product or products.

2. Concerns whose business involves activity falling in two or more of the general classes A or B, which also transport and market their own products, should be identified with classes A or B; concerns in C (manufacturing) which supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own products, should be identified with manufacturing; concerns in D (transport) which supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own products, should be identified with transport; concerns in E (storage) which supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own products, should be identified with storage; concerns in F (finance) which supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own products, should be identified with finance; concerns in G (insurance) which supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own products, should be identified with insurance; concerns in H (other) which supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own products, should be identified with other.



supply in A or B and which also transport, sell, or install their own  
identified with manufacturing; concerns in D may control or own all  
or mainly in their constructive work; concerns in E1 or E2 may own  
power; concerns in F may transport or store their own merchandise  
with A, B or C.

3. Answers:

(a) General class (use key letter designation).....

(b) Main income producing business. Give specifically the line  
also whether acting as principal or as agent, on commission.

*In Line*

4. A personal service corporation must explain its business in such  
as such. If the character of the business is different from that carried  
the nature of the change must be explained. Where necessary, the  
sheet, which should be firmly attached to this return.

#### OTHER CONCERNS IN SAME

5. Attach hereto a list of the names and addresses of five repre-  
of the country engaged in the same kind of business.

#### ORGANIZATION OR INCORPORATION

6. Date of organization or incorporation..... *Dec.*

7. If incorporated, under the laws of what State?

8. Is the corporation a successor to or was it formed to take over  
corporation?..... If so, state name and address of predecessor,  
case, the financial, manager's, and contractual relationships exist-  
ing between the corporation and the predecessor.

*Not Incorporated*

#### VALUATIONS OF CAPITAL

9. What was the fair value of the total capital stock of the corpora-  
tion at the end of the year?.....  
If any, of the capital stock tax?.....

Date of that assessment.....

#### AFFILIATIONS WITH CORPORATIONS

10. Does the corporation own directly or control through el-  
nominees over 50 per cent of the outstanding voting capital stock of  
11. Is over 50 per cent of your voting capital stock owned by any  
other corporation or partnership?

12. Is over 50 per cent of your voting capital stock as well as  
another corporation or of other corporations owned or controlled by  
the same individuals or partnerships?

Schedule ~~1~~ — Balance Sheet:

Jan. 1, 1920	Assets	Liabilities	Dec. 31, 1920
		35311	
4 88	14860 97		196587 60
90965 83	10000 00		149 50
			13764 53
			63650 27
			77214 86
			<b>72</b>
1509 38			1017 94
365 25			673 09
3209 36			3068 21
58 69			
22 50			32 50
251 62			
50000 00			4150000
		56964 88	56964 88
		56964 88	56964 88
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			17311 14
			327433 64
171247 73	171247 73		327433 64

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**Testimony of Dewalt J. Hicks.**

Thereupon, Dewalt J. Hicks was called as a witness on behalf of the plaintiffs and, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified in substance as follows:

*Direct Examination:*

*By Mr. Booth:*

My full name is Dewalt J. Hicks. I live on Douglas Avenue in Pittsburgh, and was employed by the corporations known as A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company from 1907 to 1925. I was the treasurer of A. Overholt & Company, and I am familiar with its affairs and its businesses. I was employed by the partnership after it took over the assets of the company, and after the death of Mr. Frick my employment was continued by the surviving partners. I continued in the same employment after the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh was appointed liquidating agent. I really hadn't any connection with the West Overton Distilling Company except to oversee what was going on. That plant was attended to by Mr. Bosworth. All things that came into my office were approved before anything was done by either the A. Overholt & Company or West Overton Distilling Company. I approved everything that was done at the West Overton Distilling Company. Mr. R. B. Mellon had charge of the business of the two distilleries and everything that I approved was done with his direction. In December, 1916, we stopped the distillation of whiskey. After 1916 we never applied



for a distiller's license or permit although we had the necessary licenses and permits up to that time. After the passage of the War-Time Prohibition Act and the National Prohibition Act, we applied to the Federal Government for wholesale and retail licenses but not for a distiller's permit. All of my testimony applies to both the A. Overholt plant and the West Overton plant. No whiskey was manufactured after the formation of the partnership. After the partnership was formed, we sold whiskey on certificate. Whiskey was withdrawn through the Federal Government; the distiller had to make application, because the Government wouldn't recognize anybody but a distiller; we would make application for withdrawal, and then withdraw it and bottle it for the owner of the certificate.

Q. Did you do any bottling except of the whiskey that was stored in the warehouse?

A. No.

Q. Was that carried on all through the years from 1919 to 1925?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as calling for a conclusion of the witness, and not the best evidence; leading, and suggestive.

*The Court:*

I will overrule that objection, and note an exception.

A. Yes.

Q. Was there a profit made out of bottling?

A. There was a profit made on bottling.

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*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to as leading and suggestive; and I make a motion to strike the answer.

*The Court:*

It generally gets us nowhere as it stands, of course; but it may lead to something more specific later. The objection is overruled, and exception noted.

A. We had profits for bottling.

We also charged for storage and for the sale of empty barrels.

Q. After the formation of the partnership, what if anything was done leading to the termination or winding up of the businesses?

A. Selling on certificate; we sold on certificate up until '21, all during 1920.

Q. After that what did you do?

A. Decided—the partnership decided not to sell anything unless they could sell the balance of the stock to some one person or concern.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Move to strike the answer to the last question, for the reason it does not appear it was confined to the year 1920, which is the only year in issue in this case.

*The Court:*

We deny the motion, and note an exception.

Q. In 1921—or until the final sale in 1925, had you any negotiations with anyone as to the sale of the entire plant?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as irrelevant and immaterial.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled, and an exception.

A. We had several inquiries. Mr. Rosensteel—I think that was in 1922, but he made us no real offer; and Mr. Pell—

Q. Mr. Pell of New York, a broker, finally made the sale?

A. Yes.

Q. And prior to the final sale had he introduced you to any other purchaser?

A. Yes, he had.

*Mr. Eustace:*

If the Court please, may the record show that defendant objects to all such testimony as being offered by counsel from this witness.

*The Court:*

We will give you a general exception such as that, and note it specifically later in case it should be necessary.

Q. Was there any distribution of profits or of any money realized from the sale of whiskey made to the surviving partners or the estate of the deceased partner up until the year 1925?

A. No, sir.

*Mr. Eustace:*

This is objected to, as leading and suggestive, and calls for a conclusion of the witness, and not



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the best evidence, and incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, it is a pure question of fact as to whether or not they made any distribution to the partners, or the surviving partners.

*The Court:*

The question is as to the ability of the witness to answer. You have shown, I believe—or at least it is to be inferred from his testimony that he had the actual superintendence of this matter, under the direction of the partners. Am I correct in that?

*Mr. Booth:*

I will ask him another question.

Q. Mr. Hicks, who signed the checks making all disbursements of A. Overholt & Company?

A. What do you mean—as a partnership? I did.

Q. After the death of Mr. Frick, who signed them?

A. I did.

Q. Who signed them after the appointment of the liquidating agent?

A. The Union Trust Company.

Q. Who approved them before the Union Trust Company signed them?

A. I did; countersignature. I countersigned the checks.

Q. Do you know whether any distribution was

made to the surviving partners or the estate of the deceased partner?

A. Yes, sir.

*Mr. Booth:*

I renew the question.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled, and exception noted.

Thereupon, the sixth immediately preceding question and answer were read as follows:

Q. Was there any distribution of profits or of any money realized from the sale of whiskey made to the surviving partners or the estate of the deceased partner up until the year 1925?

A. No, sir.

I know that during 1920 the A. Overholt & Company had debts. The partnerships or firms of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company kept books of account during the year 1920, and if there was any indebtedness of those two firms, such indebtedness would be recorded upon the books of account.

Q. Mr. Hicks, in 1920 were there any discussions in Washington by Government officials relating to the whiskey business—

A. Yes, sir.

Q. —which tended to make the business hazardous?

*Mr. Eustace:*

Just a moment.

*The Court:*

I wonder if you need any proof as to the general situation which existed at that time. I don't know whether you want to prove anything more than the general existing condition of affairs in connection with the business or not, but if you do, let us know what it is.

*Mr. Booth:*

I will withdraw the "which tended to make the business hazardous," and change it to "which might result in the expenditure of a large amount of money by distillers."

*Mr. Eustace:*

Objection.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, I offer to prove by this witness that in 1920 the Government at Washington was discussing three things: First, the assessment and imposition of a floor tax upon all whiskey then in storage in the United States; secondly, the movement of all whiskey then in storage to several large warehouses to be designated "concentration warehouses," and with that removal the assessment and imposition immediately of the \$2.20 per gallon tax; thirdly, the possibility that all whiskey would have to be bottled, in order to stop or remove the possibility of theft from the barrels, and the assessment and immediate collection of the \$2.20 per gallon tax with that bottling; that A. Overholt & Company and West Overton



Distilling Company had approximately 50,000 barrels of whiskey which would average thirty gallons per barrel, and that any one of such proposals if adopted would cost A. Overholt & Company three million dollars in tax immediately.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Objection is made to the offer, for the reason it is incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial, and does not tend to prove or disprove any of the issues involved in these cases; and for the further reason that the testimony or the proof offered is too general, and does not establish or tend to establish the question of whether or not there were debts and contingent liabilities, or the amounts of them.

*The Court:*

Now, you are simply offering this, I take it, Mr. Booth, for the purpose of showing a reason for liquidation?

*Mr. Booth:*

No. If the Court please, the offer is made for the purpose of showing there were large contingent liabilities in 1920 for these partnerships, and that under the law of the State of Pennsylvania surviving partners as liquidating trustees have no authority to make distribution to either themselves or the estate of a deceased partner until all the debts and liabilities of the former partnership are disposed of, satisfied or settled; and that such contingent liabilities prevented distribution of any of

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the assets of these former partnerships to the partners, and that therefore no distribution could be made until these contingencies had been removed.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Further objection is made, that the offer of proof is not a tender of an issue of fact but a tender of an issue of law, and has no bearing whatsoever upon the right of the Government to levy and collect a tax for the year 1920.

*The Court:*

Well, the offer is rather indefinite, Mr. Boeth. It does not show, in the first place, by whom such declarations were made, whether they were made to the plaintiffs or their partnership, and would be more or less intangible in any event, it seems to me. And I am not so sure that it is even necessary to prove that general situation; part of the condition is a matter for judicial notice—of which the Court might take judicial notice, I should say—and as to the law of Pennsylvania, of course you are not required to prove that in this court.

*Mr. Frazer:*

If the Court please, this offer is made for the purpose of showing the reason that no distribution was made earlier.

*The Court:*

That is what I inferred.

*Mr. Frazer:*

The liquidation started really in 1918, Mr. Frick died in 1919, and the liquidation continued,

and it was not until 1925 that the great bulk of the assets were sold and the distribution made; while some of the goods were sold earlier, no money realized from the sale of these assets was distributed, and this is the reason why it was not done.

*The Court:*

Well, isn't the fact more important than the reason?

*Mr. Frazer:*

That is perhaps correct. I was trying to explain to your Honor just the situation. In other words, we don't want the Government to be in position to say that we unreasonably withheld distribution of this property to the partners at any time, although as your Honor said I don't know whether it has a final bearing on the decision in this case.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Just in that connection, I might suggest to the Court that under the Federal Statute the income of a partnership is taxable to the individual partners, whether distributed or not; so that it is wholly immaterial, so far as the consideration of these issues is concerned, whether or not there was any distribution.

*The Court:*

Well, the effect of these statutes is, of course, largely a legal matter for determination at an-



other time. The main thing is to get the basis of facts upon which the legal matter is to be determined; I don't know. You may proceed, if you want to pursue it, and make it a little more specific. It is a matter known, I think, that is, a matter of common knowledge, and was a matter that was subsequently done, that is, the transfer to various warehouses.

Q. (Question read as amended, as follows: Mr. Hicks, in 1920 were there any discussions in Washington by Government officials relating to the whiskey business which might result in the expenditures of a large amount of money by distillers?)

*The Court:*

That is altogether too indefinite, Mr. Booth. You had better at least show it came from the head of the Internal Revenue Bureau, or the head of the Department. It might be the chief clerk in the office, or might be in the Attorney General's Office, or something of that kind; it might be a Government official, but his discussion would not have very much weight on the subject.

*Mr. Booth:*

The original question was whether or not there was any discussion, and he answered that yes.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled to that extent, answer the question yes or no.

*Mr. Eustace:*

May I have an exception, please?

*The Court:*

Yes.

A. Yes.

Q. Was such discussion common knowledge among the men engaged in the whiskey business?

A. Yes.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Same objection.

*The Court:*

I think that will have to be sustained. An exception.

Q. Mr. Hicks, how much whiskey was there on hand in 1920?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as not the best evidence.

*The Court:*

It isn't the best evidence; but isn't it known, and checked up in that connection? It all has been, and there is no use taking up time with a mere matter concerning which there is no real dispute. No doubt you could get the books here, but it would simply take our time.

*Mr. Eustace:*

The books would establish the definite figure for the record, so that there would be no quibbling about any amounts or variations.

*Mr. Booth:*

The books are not the best evidence, they are only evidence of the facts, and a man who has knowledge can testify as easily as from the books.

*The Court:*

You could bring them here and show they were correctly kept, and a memorandum from the books, and so forth. That of course would be the best evidence. However, if this witness is able to state definitely, we will allow him to answer the question subject to the objection.

A. It would be pretty hard to state just exactly the amount, but I would say around sixty thousand in the two distilleries.

Q. Barrels?

A. Yes.

*Mr. Eustace:*

I move to strike the answer of the witness, because the question is not confined to a specific time.

*The Court:*

Yes, he did fix a specific time in his question. This is only a general matter. I will overrule the objection, and note an exception.

*Cross Examination:*

*By Mr. Zeutzius:*

The liquidation of the two businesses started with the formation of the partnership in 1918.

Q. Was the partnership formed for the purpose of liquidating the two businesses theretofore carried on by the two corporations?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And for that particular purpose?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Upon the death of Mr. Frick was there any change of policy with respect to liquidation?

A. No, sir.

Q. Was the same type of business and the same procedure continued as before, with the same end in view? Is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

I was the treasurer of just the A. Overholt & Company during 1919 and 1920. With respect to the bank account of A. Overholt & Company in 1919 when the partnership was organized I signed all checks for all disbursements.

Q. That included any distribution to the partners?

A. There wasn't any distribution at all.

Q. Now, in what name was the bank account carried?

A. A. Overholt & Company.

Q. And by yourself as treasurer?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was any mention made of a partnership on the bank account or on the checks?

A. I don't think so.

Q. After the death of Mr. Frick, in December, 1919, was there any change made in the manner of carrying that bank account?

A. No, sir.

Q. Was the term "liquidating trustees" or "liquidating agents", or anything else, included on the bank account or on your checks of disbursement prior to the appointment of the liquidating agent?



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A. "A. Overholt & Company".

Q. Just as it had been before the death of Mr.

Frick. Is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The businesses were carried on as before in the same offices?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. As prior to the death of Mr. Frick?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were there any changes made that you can remember, to indicate that the partnership no longer existed after the death of Mr. Frick and up to the time of the appointment of a liquidating trustee in 1921?

A. Will you ask that question again?

A. Nothing except that we were in liquidation, trying to dispose of our property.

Q. Did that appear by any external sign?

A. No.

What I just stated applies to the West Overton Distilling Company which was handled by Mr. Bosworth who is in court. I got my instructions as treasurer of the partnerships from R. B. Mellon during 1919 and 1920. Distilling operations, that is, manufacture, ceased in 1916. In 1917 and 1920 we didn't manufacture any. There was no difference in the operations as carried on in 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920, except the bottling end of it. The books were kept under my direction by Mr. Wood of the A. Overholt & Company.

*Re-direct Examination:*

*By Mr. Booth:*

Q. Mr. Hicks, in 1917 and 1918, and up until July 1, 1919, you had free sales of whiskey?

*Mr. Eustace:*

I object, your Honor, as not coming within the purview of the cross examination.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, in cross examination the question was asked whether the business was the same in 1917 and '18 as in 1920.

*The Court:*

Go ahead.

Q. (Question read). In other words, your sales of whiskey were not restricted?

A. No, they were not.

Q. In 1920 they were restricted?

A. Yes, they were.

Q. Could you have started the manufacture of whiskey at any time during 1917 and 1918, if you had desired to do so?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You were the man that said when distilling operations would begin and said when they would quit, were you not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you receive instructions, if ever, from the partners to do no more distilling?

A. December, 1916.

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Q. When, if ever, did you receive instructions from the partners that you were to proceed to sell the assets as fast as possible and to find a purchaser for the entire plant, and to see to the winding up of the affairs of the partnerships?

A. Well, as far back as 1917, fall of '17.

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**Testimony of William A. Seifert.**

Thereupon, William A. Seifert, was called as a witness on behalf of the plaintiffs and, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

*Direct Examination:*

*By Mr. Booth:*

Q. Mr. Seifert, you are a practicing attorney?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Admitted to practice in the bars of what courts?

A. Federal Courts and the State Courts.

Q. Supreme Court of the United States?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you been a practicing attorney?

A. Quite a long while; I think, going back to 1903.

Q. Have you in the course of your practice come in contact with the Bureau of Industrial Alcohol, Bureau of Prohibition, and Treasury Department, and the Office of the Attorney General of the United States?

A. From time to time; occasionally.

Q. Were you in 1920 attorney for the liquidating trustees and of Messrs. A. W. and R. B. Mellon, in conjunction with the A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to.

*Mr. Booth:*

I will withdraw the "liquidating trustees."

Q. (Question read, as amended, as follows: Were you in 1920 attorney for Messrs. A. W. and R. B. Mellon in conjunction with the A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company?)

A. Mr. James H. Beal, former partner of Reed, Smith, Shaw and Beal, and myself were counsel for liquidating trustees of A. Overholt & Company and the West Overton Distilling Company during the year 1920.

*Mr. Eustace:*

I move to strike the answer, as not responsive to the question.

*The Court:*

Well, it brings in that "liquidating trustees" part; but I think I will refuse the motion and note you an exception.

Q. In connection with your duties were you during the year 1920 in Washington at numerous times?

A. Quite frequently.

Q. When there did you hear any rumors, definite or otherwise, in regard to certain proposed policies



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which the Government might adopt in regard to imposition of a floor tax on whiskey, in regard to the requiring the removal of all whiskey to concentration warehouses; and in regard to requiring all whiskey to be bottled immediately?

*Mr. Eustace:*

Objected to, as argumentative; as incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial; and calls for a conclusion of the witness; and too general.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, that question was "Did you hear such rumors, definite or otherwise?" If he says no, it is over; if he says yes, then I can follow along and develop what they were and how definite they were, and the Court can then determine whether or not they are material.

*The Court:*

It is going out a little wider than it seems to me there is any necessity for going. That is capable of a direct declaration of reasons, of course, on the part of the parties. I will allow this question to be answered first, however, and note you an exception.

A. I did.

Q. Did you as attorney for Messrs. A. W. and R. B. Mellon advise them or their associate in regard to the distribution of profits or of the profits from the sale of whiskey of the two former partnerships, A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as irrelevant and immaterial, and not binding on the defendant.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled, and exception noted.

A. As counsel with Mr. James H. Beal, we advised Mr. R. B. Mellon, who was the managing partner of A. Overholt & Company, partnership—managing partner of the surviving partners, A. W. Mellon and R. B. Mellon, of the West Overton Distilling Company and A. Overholt & Company, that no distribution could be made until certain questions had been settled—as definitely as we as counsel could advise them—about a possible floor tax, possible expense and tax involved in removing the whiskey to Government warehouses, should the Government require that, possible tax and expense involved in bottling the whiskey which was then in the distilleries at West Overton and A. Overholt & Company's plant at Broadford.

*Mr. Eustace:*

I move to strike the answer, as not responsive, and argumentative, and invading the province of the Court, and does not tend to prove or disprove any issue involved in this case.

The Court: The objection is overruled and exception noted.

Q. Would these matters have involved any amount of money, if they had been adopted by the Government?

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A. They would have involved very large sums of money, sums of money larger than the company at that time would have been—or sums larger than the surviving partners at that time would have been able to have taken care of out of the then assets of the partnership.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Move to strike the answer and the question, as calling for a conclusion of the witness, and the answer itself showing that it is a conclusion, and not tending to prove or disprove any of the issues in this case.

*The Court:*

The fact that two and two make four is a conclusion, and this is almost the same thing, I take it; I will overrule your objection and note an exception, for the present.

Q. Did the fact that a tax might be assessed on all whiskey, either as a floor tax or as an Internal Revenue tax upon bottling, enter into your consideration in giving your advice to Messrs. A. W. and R. B. Mellon?

A. It certainly did.

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled and exception noted, for the present.

Q. Did you handle the income tax affairs for the former corporations, A. Overholt & Co. and West Overton Distilling Company?

A. I had charge of them, yes, sir.

Q. In 1920 had the Commissioner, or the Government, or the Collector asserted any deficiency against the two corporations for any years?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as not the best evidence, and calling for a conclusion of the witness.

*The Court:*

Well, it is certainly an easier way of getting at it than going through all the correspondence. It may have been merely a verbal declaration made to the witness on the part of the official. You have not stated that, as to the method; I would like that before I rule upon the other question.

*Mr. Booth:*

I think he could answer this question yes or no, and then develop those other facts.

*The Court:*

Well, those preliminary questions, of course, take up the other question, too. However, if you don't want to do it, I will sustain the objection and note an exception.

Q. Did you handle all the income tax matters of the two corporations?

A. I tried to, Mr. Booth.

Q. Were you personally present at all conferences with the Commissioner?



A. I think I attended all conferences which were conducted by the internal revenue agent from the Internal Revenue Agent's Office in Pittsburgh who made the examination of the income and excess profits tax returns of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company for the years 1917 and '18 and the income tax return for the two corporations for the year 1916; also attended, I think, all the conferences which were conducted in Washington in connection with the settlement and the final disposition of the tax matters of the A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company, which filed consolidated returns for the year 1918 of income and excess profits taxes, and separate and consolidated income tax return for the year '17 of A. Overholt and West Overton, and separate excess profits tax returns.

Q. Do you personally know whether or not the Commissioner asserted a deficiency against the two corporations for the years '16, '17 and '18, whether or not the deficiency was subsequently increased or decreased, when the deficiency was paid, if at all, and when the tax matters of the corporations were finally settled? The question is, do you know personally those facts?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, as immaterial and irrelevant.

*The Court:*

Well, there are a number of things you can answer "I do" or "I don't." It includes too many; I never like that form of question myself.

*Mr. Booth:*

It is our contention that letters of the Commissioner are not necessarily the best evidence.

*The Court:*

We are talking about a little different thing though. Mr. Seifert has not been able to follow you,—you put a number of different elements into your question. Out of the five or six he may know one or two and not know as to the other; so it makes it difficult to answer. If put specifically as to each, it would be very much easier and more satisfactory.

Q. Do you personally know whether the Commissioner declared a deficiency in income tax against the two corporations for any of the years 1916, '17 or '18?

A. I know that the Commissioner—

Q. Just answer whether you know or not?

A. If you mean by "asserting deficiency" proposing deficiency in letters which were addressed to the corporations, I will answer that question yes.

*Mr. Eustace:*

I move to strike the answer, as not responsive.

*The Court:*

I think it is. Objection overruled and exception noted.

Q. Do you personally know the approximate amount of those deficiencies?

A. I do.

Q. Approximately what do they amount to?

*Mr. Eustace:*

That is objected to, for the reason it is immaterial and irrelevant to the issues involved in this case, what deficiencies may have been asserted or determined prior to the year 1920.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, I don't intend to prove the exact amount of the deficiency; the amount of the deficiency is not in question. But it is in question whether or not there were any debts or liabilities of this corporation in 1920. We propose to prove by this witness only that such debts were in existence, contingent liabilities, and were not settled until later years.

*The Court:*

Go ahead with that general proposition. We will overrule the objection to that.

Q. (Question read.)

A. About \$550,000 for the years '16, '17 and '18.

Q. When were they finally settled?

A. December 28, 1928.

Q. Do you personally know of the final distribution by the surviving partners in 1925?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When that distribution was made, did you or did you not advise them with respect to the unpaid income taxes and whether or not any part should be retained to meet those payments when they were demanded?

A. Yes, sir.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Just a moment. That is objected to, as incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial.

*The Court:*

Of course it is leading, but it gets us to a phase of the matter which I think could be admitted more quickly than by having him detail all his advice in connection with it. He might properly be asked what was his advice in the situation, and then detail it; and I think this gets us to it more quickly. I will overrule that objection.

Q. What was your advice to the surviving partners in the year 1925?

A. Our advice was that no distribution of any of the assets of the partnership could be made until all debts had been discharged and all possible contingent liabilities disposed of.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Motion is now made to strike the answer of the witness and the question.

*The Court:*

The motion is denied, and exception noted, for the present.

Q. Was that advice also given in 1920?

A. I think your question related to 1920, and my answer was related to the year 1920.

Q. Now, what advice did you give them in the year 1920 with respect to final distribution?

A. No final distribution could be made in the year 1920.



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Q. In the year 1925, I mean.

A. In the year 1925, as the assets had been disposed of in bulk, we advised that distribution could then be made of everything except what might be necessary to take care of undisposed of Federal income and excess profits tax liabilities.

*Mr. Eustace:*

I move to strike the answer, as immaterial and incompetent.

*The Court:*

The motion is denied, and exception, for the present.

*Mr. Booth:*

Cross examine.

*Mr. Eustace:*

At this time defendant moves to strike the testimony of this witness, for the reason that it does not prove or tend to prove any issue involved in this case; the testimony is argumentative, an expression of conclusions of the witness, and incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial.

*The Court:*

The motion is denied and exception noted.

There was no cross examination of the witness Seifert.

Thereupon, the plaintiffs rested.

*Mr. Eustace:*

If the Court please, so that we may clearly understand that the record is protected, we desire to re-

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quest that in all cases where the Court expressly stated that objections were overruled for the present it may be understood that exceptions are noted and allowed for all adverse rulings.

*The Court:*

Certainly.

*Mr. Eustace:*

At this time, the plaintiffs having rested their cases, the defendant moves for judgment in favor of the defendant and against the plaintiffs, upon the following grounds:

First: Under and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 of the Pennsylvania Partnership Act, March 26, 1915, Pennsylvania Laws 1859, P. S. 92, the partnerships of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company were not terminated by the death of Henry C. Frick;

Second: As a matter of law, the partnerships of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company continued in existence throughout the year 1920;

Third: As a matter of law, A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company were required to file partnership returns of income for the year 1920, in accordance with the provisions of Section 224 of the Revenue Act of 1918;

Fourth: Under the provisions of Section 218 of the Revenue Act of 1918, A. W. Mellon was taxable

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upon his distributive share of the net income of each of the partnerships of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company for the year 1920. And exactly that same reason as applied to the income of R. B. Mellon;

Fifth: The income of a partnership in process of liquidation is taxable for Federal income tax purposes to the individual members thereof in the respective years in which realized, earned and received by the partnership;

Sixth: There is no warrant in law for postponing the taxation of a partnership in process of liquidation to the year in which the winding up of the affairs of the partnership is completed;

Seventh: There is no warrant in law for the plaintiffs' contention that the income of A. Overholt & Company and West Overton Distilling Company was not taxable until A. W. Mellon had received payments exceeding the cost value of his interest in the partnerships as of December 2, 1919. The same reason is applied to the case filed by R. B. Mellon;

Eighth: The Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the United States are now precluded from assessing and collecting from A. Overholt & Company, West Overton Distilling Company, the Estate of R. B. Mellon, A. W. Mellon and the Estate of Henry C. Frick any additional amounts of income taxes on the income for the year 1920 of A. Overholt & Company and the income for 1920 of West Overton Distilling Company;

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For the further reason that the pleadings and evidence in this case, with every inference of fact that may be drawn from it, are insufficient in law to warrant a judgment against the defendant;

For the further reason that under the law and the evidence the record does not contain any substantial evidence to support findings of fact and conclusions of law and judgment in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendant;

And for the further reason that the defendant on the pleadings and the evidence in this case is entitled to judgment dismissing plaintiffs' statements of claim at plaintiffs' costs.

This motion is made to apply to each of the cases.

*The Court:*

We will overrule that motion at this time, with leave to renew it at the conclusion of the case, after you have rested.

To which ruling of the Court the defendant by his counsel then and there duly excepted in each of said cases.

The opening statement of defendant was presented to the Court by his counsel. Thereupon, the defendant, to sustain the issues upon his part in each of said consolidated causes, offered the following as his evidence in chief:



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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant will now read into the record from the New Matter contained in the amended affidavit of defense (A. W. Mellon case).

Beginning with the first numbered paragraph of the New Matter, defendant offers in evidence the following part of Paragraph 1, which is admitted by Paragraph 1 of the Reply:

"1. On or about March 15, 1921, plaintiff and his brother, Richard B. Mellon, caused to be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania a partnership return of income for the calendar year 1920 in the name of and for A. Overholt & Company on official form 1065, the form provided by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the making of partnership returns of income. . . ."

And then, appearing in the paragraph in the Reply the following sentence: "Plaintiff avers that said return constituted a return of income."

Paragraph 2:

"2. Neither Richard B. Mellon nor the plaintiff, nor both acting jointly, filed or caused to be filed an income tax return for the year 1920, covering any portion of the income of A. Overholt & Company on the form prescribed for the making of returns by fiduciaries of a trust."

Paragraph 5:

"5. On or about March 15, 1921, plaintiff and his brother, Richard B. Mellon, caused to be filed

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with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania a partnership return of income for the calendar year 1920 in the name of and for said West Overton Distilling Company on official form 1065, the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the making of partnership returns of income. \* \* \*

And also the averment in Paragraph 5 of the Reply: "Plaintiff avers that said return constituted a return of income."

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, that is admitted, except the use of the word "partnership" in the third line of Paragraph 5, before the words "return of income". The Reply in the admission omits that word, and then goes a step further and denies "it was claimed and represented West Overton Distilling Company was a partnership". And the same thing applies with respect to Paragraph 1.

*The Court:*

It may be admitted, subject to the limitation of the answer.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Paragraph 6, as follows:

"6. Neither Andrew W. Mellon nor Richard B. Mellon, nor both acting jointly, filed or caused to be filed an income tax return for the year 1920, covering any portion of the income of West Overton Distilling Company on the form prescribed

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for the making of returns for fiduciaries of a trust."

Paragraph 9:

"9. If the income of A. Overholt & Company for the calendar year 1920 had been treated and reported by plaintiff and his brother, Richard B. Mellon, as the income of a taxable trust, the correct tax liability, exclusive of interest as provided by law, would have been \$551,914.70, computed as follows:

Net income as determined by the  
Commissioner, as set forth in Par.

19 hereof .....	\$845,339.86
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Income subject to normal tax ....	\$844,339.86
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Normal tax at 4% on \$4,000 .....	\$ 160.00
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Surtax on \$845,339.86 .....	484,527.51
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Total tax liability .....	\$551,914.70."
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Mr. Booth:

If the Court please, plaintiffs object to the offering in evidence of Paragraph 9 of the New Matter set forth in the affidavit of defense, on the ground that it is not admitted by the Reply in the words offered. The Reply admits that the correct tax liability on a certain amount of income, \$845,339.86, would have been \$551,914.70, but denies that, if a taxable trust existed, it realized such income.

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Well, it may be admitted, subject to the limitation by the answer. An exception is noted to plaintiffs.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Paragraph 10, as follows:

"10. If the income of West Overton Distilling Company for the calendar year 1920 had been treated and reported by plaintiff and his brother, Richard B. Mellon, as the income of a taxable trust, the correct tax liability, exclusive of interest as provided by law, would have been \$66,673.42, computed as follows:

Net income determined by the Commissioner, as set forth in Par. 19	
hereof .....	\$158,442.84
Less: Exemption .....	1,000.00

Income subject to normal tax ..	\$157,442.84
Normal tax at 4% on \$4,000 .....	\$ 160.00
Normal tax at 8% on \$153,442.84 ..	12,275.43
Surtax on \$158,442.84 .....	54,237.99

Total tax liability .....\$ 66,673.42."

*Mr. Booth:*

Same objection.

*The Court:*

It may be admitted, subject to the limitation of the answer. An exception noted to plaintiffs.



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*Mr. Eustace:*

At this point, having reference to the computation in Paragraph 19 of the First Defense, will counsel admit the correctness of the computation as showing what the Commissioner did in arriving at the net income of the two partnerships?

It is admitted with reference to the computation in Paragraph 19 of the First Defense that the total net income of the A. Overholt & Company for the year 1920, as determined by the Commissioner, was \$845,339.86, one-third of which, \$281,779.95, was divided into an item \$48,350.74 reported on the individual return of each of the plaintiffs as income from bottling, storage and miscellaneous of A. Overholt & Company, and increased by the Commissioner in the amount of \$233,429.21 as the plaintiff's share of the income from the sale of whiskey.

*Mr. Booth:*

As computed by the Commissioner. That is substantially correct; we admit that, except we do not admit that the \$233,000 was income; that is the income as computed by the Commissioner.

*The Court:*

That is, you admit it is mathematically correct?

*Mr. Booth:*

We admit that if it is taxable, that is the correct amount.

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Now I would like to have the same admission with reference to the West Overton Distilling Company, the amounts being as follows:

It is admitted that the total net income of the West Overton Distilling Company for the year 1920, as determined by the Commissioner, was \$158,442.84, one-third of which, \$52,814.28, was divided into an item \$5,960.55 reported on the individual return of each of the plaintiffs as income from bottling, storage and miscellaneous of West Overton Distilling Company, and increased by the Commissioner in the amount of \$46,853.73 as the plaintiff's share of the income from the sale of whiskey.

*Mr. Booth:*

That is admitted, with the same qualification as stated with respect to A. Overholt & Company.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Returning to the Second Defense, Paragraph 11, the first part we are offering, as being admitted by the insufficiency of the denial:

"11. The defendant, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the United States relied to their prejudice on plaintiff's original position and representation in respect of the manner and method of reporting the income for the calendar year 1920 of A. Overholt & Company and the West Overton Distilling Company,"—There is no question about the admission of the next part—"and if said organizations were taxable trusts, as now

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contended by plaintiff, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the United States are now precluded from assessing and collecting the aforesaid tax liabilities for 1920 of \$551,914.70 and \$66,673.42 \* \* \*.”

*Mr. Booth:*

The latter part of that was admitted by the Reply, but the first part of Paragraph 11 was specifically denied by the Reply in the very words of the paragraph, with a contrary averment, on page 7 of the Reply.

*The Court:*

Of course, there is an admission that they are precluded from assessing and collecting any taxes therein alleged.

*Mr. Eustace:*

That admission is clear; and our construction is that the first part is admitted by inference, in the manner in which it is denied, an insufficient denial.

*The Court:*

I think I shall sustain the objection to that, and note an exception.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Then it is understood that the part in the middle of the paragraph is admitted?

*The Court:*

Yes; I see it is admitted as a distinct admission. You might make a declaration to that effect.

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant now offers that portion of Paragraph 11 of the Second Defense, reading as follows: "If said organizations were taxable trusts, as now contended by plaintiff, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the United States are now precluded from assessing and collecting aforesaid tax liabilities for 1920 of \$551,914.70 and \$66,673.42."

And the Third Defense. Beginning on page 19, Paragraph 5 of the Third Defense:

"5. On or prior to December 31, 1925, all of the monies, properties and assets of whatever nature of A. Overholt & Company were distributed to the plaintiff, his brother Richard B. Mellon, and the estate of Henry C. Frick, leaving said organization with no assets or property out of which the aforesaid tax liability of \$551,914.70 could have been collected."

*Mr. Booth:*

We object to the last part of that; the admission is down to the word "property."

*The Court:*

Well, that is the substance of it.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Paragraph 6 of the Third Defense:

"6. The amount of money, together with the value of property so received by plaintiff in distribution, was equal to or in excess of the aforesaid tax liability of \$551,914.70, plus interest as provided by law."



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*The Court:*

Well, the liability part is denied, if you leave that out,—“equal to or in excess of \$551,914.70,” and so on, it is admitted.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Paragraph 7 of the Third Defense:

“7. On or prior to December 31, 1925, all of the monies, properties and assets of whatever nature of West Overton Distilling Company were distributed to the plaintiff, his brother Richard B. Mellon, and the estate of Henry C. Frick, leaving said organization with no assets or property out of which a tax liability of \$66,673.42 could have been collected.”

*Mr. Booth:*

Object to the last phrase.

*The Court:*

Well, it is admitted up to the words “no assets or property,” which is the essential part of the admission.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Paragraph 8 of the Third Defense

“8. The amount of money, together with the value of property so received by plaintiff in distribution, was equal to or in excess of \$66,673.42 plus interest.”

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

*Mr. Eustace:*

In the case filed by R. B. Mellon, we desire to offer similar paragraphs, as follows:

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Paragraph 1 of the Second Defense:

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*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, that is admitted, except the use of the word "partnership" in the third line of Paragraph 5, before the words "return of income." The Reply in the admission omits that word, and then goes a step further and denies "it was claimed and represented West Overton Distilling Company was a partnership." And the same thing is true with respect to Paragraph 1.

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It may be admitted, subject to the limitation of the answer.

*Mr. Eustace:*

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As to the Third Defense: I offer Paragraph 5 of the Third Defense, as follows:

"5. On or prior to December 31, 1925, all of the monies, properties and assets of whatever nature of A. Overholt & Company were distributed to R. B. Mellon, his brother Andrew W. Mellon, and the estate of Henry C. Frick, leaving said organization with no assets of property out of



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*The Court:*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

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“6. The amount of money, together with the value of property so received by R. B. Mellon in distribution, was equal to or in excess of the aforesaid tax liability of \$551,914.70, plus interest as provided by law.”

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*Mr. Booth:*

Object to the last phrase.

*The Court:*

Well, it is admitted up to the words "no assets or property", which is the essential part of the admission.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Paragraph 8 of the Third Defense:

"8. The amount of money, together with the value of property so received by R. B. Mellon in distribution, was equal to or in excess of \$66,673.42, plus interest."

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

*Mr. Eustace:*

At this time defendant offers in evidence Bureau letters attached to Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 2, being letter dated February 27, 1934 to A. W. Mellon, and letter dated April 6, 1934 to A. W. Mellon.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, we object to the introduction of these letters as being part of our Exhibit No. 2. We object to the introduction of the letter dated February 27, 1934, as being self-serving declarations, and therefore incompetent and irrelevant. We have no objection to the letter dated April 6, 1934, which was merely a formal notice of the rejection of our refund claim.

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A. W. Mellon.*

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*The Court:*

I will overrule the objection to that. It may be admitted as tending to show the general procedure which was observed.

Which said letters dated February 27, 1934, and April 6, 1934, to A. W. Mellon, so offered and admitted in evidence, are in words and figures as follows:

February 27, 1934.

Hon. A. W. Mellon,  
Woodland Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Your claim for refund of \$194,160.75, income taxes for the taxable year 1920, has been examined.

Your claim is based on the statement that amounts of \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28 were included in taxable income representing operating profits of A. Overholt and Company and the West Overton Distilling Company, respectively, and that since the partnerships were in liquidation the profits were not reportable until the year 1925 when final liquidation occurred.

Careful consideration has been accorded the information submitted in the brief dated October 11, 1932 and at the conference held in Washington, D. C., October 12, 1932 and this office holds that your proportionate share of the operating profits of the above-mentioned partnerships were properly reportable on your 1930 return.

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A. W. Mellon.*

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Accordingly, the claim will be disallowed. In accordance with section 1103 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932 official notice of the disallowance of the claim will be issued by registered mail.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to your representative, Mr. William A. Seifert, in accordance with the authority conferred upon him in your power of attorney on file with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

CHAS. T. RUSSELL,  
*Deputy Commissioner.*

By (Signed) H. B. ROBINSON,  
*Head of Division.*

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April 6, 1934.

Hon. A. W. Mellon,  
Woodland Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

*In re:* Refund claim for year 1920  
Amount \$194,160.75.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated Feb. 27, 1934 wherein you were informed that the claim for refund indicated above would be disallowed. The letter also stated the reasons for the proposed disallowance.

You are hereby notified that the claim was disallowed on a schedule dated Apr. 6, 1934. This



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notification is being mailed to you by registered mail and constitutes notice of the disallowance of the claim in accordance with the provisions of Section 3226, Revised Statutes as amended, and as further amended by Section 1103 of the Revenue Act of 1932.

By direction of the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

CHAS. T. RUSSELL,  
*Deputy Commissioner.*

By (Signed) T. F. LANGLEY,  
*Head of Division.*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence instrument identified as Defendant's Exhibit "A", being individual income tax return of A. W. Mellon for the year 1920, certified copy.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, we admit that this is a correct return, but all the evidence that is necessary to be taken from this return has been admitted by the pleadings; it contains a lot of schedules that are entirely immaterial and irrelevant to the issue in this case. The pleadings admit that Mr. Mellon in his individual return picked up a reported profit shown by the so-called partnership return and paid the tax on it, and the evidence so far admits that the Commissioner increased that figure and collected an additional tax; and this

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "A".*

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report serves no just purpose in arriving at the issue in this case.

*The Court:*

The objection is overruled; an exception.

That the full purport and substance of said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is contained in the parts thereof which are in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "A".**

(Pages 404 a, 404 b, 404 c.)





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# COMPUTATION OF $\pi$

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## PREPARATION OF RETURN.

anyone especially to prepare or advise in the preparation of a "cover" or "Ho.") If so, give name and address of person so advised. Which you received such confidence or advice.

Consult your broker or contact us at 1-800-368-6222 for more information or to schedule a demonstration at your office.

13. BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS.  
List below all deductions from gross income which are allowable under the law. Do not include deductions which are allowable only for the purpose of computing the net income for the purpose of determining the tax liability of the estate.

- 14. Interest on business indebtedness to others
- 15. Taxes on business and business property
- 16. Repairs, wear and tear, obsolescence, depreciation, and property losses (explain in table below)
- 17. Amortization of war facilities
- 18. Bad debts arising from sales or professional services
- 19. Other expenses (list principal items and amounts at foot of page or on separate sheet)
- 20. TOTAL (Items 12 to 19, inclusive)

21. NET COST, PLUS TOTAL DEDUCTIONS (Item 11 plus Item 20)

22. NET INCOME FROM BUSINESS OR PROFESSION (Item 3 minus Item 21)

FROM SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS, BONUSES, DIRECTOR'S FEES, AND PENSIONS.

1. OCCURRENCE. 2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER. 3. AMOUNT RECEIVED. 4. EXCESS (EXPLAIN BELOW).

See schedule attached

NET INCOME FROM SALARIES, ETC. (total of columns 4 minus total of column 5)

SCHEDULE C.—INCOME FROM PARTNERSHIPS, PERSONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS, AND FIDUCIARIES (From Item 15 (c) column 6, page 1)

SCHEDULE D.—PROFIT FROM SALE OF LAND, BUILDINGS, STOCKS, BONDS AND OTHER PROPERTY, AND FROM LIQUIDATING DIVIDENDS.

1. DATE OF SALE. 2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTNER OR FIDUCIARY. 3. AMOUNT RECEIVED. 4. COST OR BASIS. 5. GROSS PROFIT. 6. COST OF SALE. 7. DEPRECIATION.

See schedule attached

NET PROFIT FROM SALES (total of columns 3 and 7 minus total of columns 5 and 6)

SCHEDULE E.—INCOME FROM RENTS AND ROYALTIES.

1. DATE OF RECEIPT. 2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LESSOR, LESSOR, OR OWNER. 3. AMOUNT RECEIVED. 4. REASON FOR RECEIPT. 5. TAXES. 6. OTHER EX-PENSES (EXPLAIN BELOW).

See schedule attached

NET PROFIT FROM RENTS AND ROYALTIES (total of column 3 minus total of column 4)

SCHEDULE F.—INCOME FROM CORPORATIONS (CONTAINING TAX-FREE COVENANT, ON WHICH A TAX OF 2% WAS PAID AT SOURCE). Received (a) directly, (b) through partnerships, personal service corporations, and fiduciaries (Item 15 (c), column 3).

SCHEDULE G.—OTHER INCOME (not including dividends, or interest on obligations of the United States).

Interest on bonds, mortgages, and other obligations of domestic and resident corporations except as reported in Schedule F. Interest on bonds of foreign countries and corporations, and dividends on stock of foreign corporations which are not taxable by the United States on their net income.

Interest on bank deposits, mortgages, etc.

Interest paid for you at source on tax-free covenant bonds.

Income from underwriting.

TOTAL 216611 97  
AMOUNT RECEIVED.  
350  
6467 20  
201294 45  
2132 94  
2027 70  
212272 29



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2027 70

**Total**.....

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OF SUCH PERIOD

Exhibit (or affirm) that this return and complete return made in good faith by Commission E.

February 21, 1961

**THE**

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return for 1919?  
 Do you receive any assignments  
 Government contracts through the  
 and if not, were you on the last day  
 supporting one or more persons who  
 who are closely related to you by  
 11. Was a separate return filed  
 by your wife (or husband)?  
 12. Write "R" if you kept no books,  
 books or "A" if you kept books or  
 14. Enter below all nontaxable income  
 from all sources.  
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15. Enter in the table below income (w

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PATENTEE

26 Overholt & Co.  
Westoverton Distill  
300 W. 21. Keller

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**Area of Interest**

### Exemptions.

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(9) 20,000	X X X X X
(10) 5,000	X X X X X
(11) Principal in excess of exemptions	
(12) Taxable interest	

(13) Total taxable interest on all obligations

State the amount of the Victory I Ab

State the amount of the Fourth I Ab

17. Net income on which tax is to be

B. Less: Dividends (from Schedule

2. Taxable interest on Liberty Bonds (from Item 16 (2) above)

Personal exemption

21. TOTAL OF ITEMS 18, 19, &

22. Balance subject to normal tax (1

23. Amount subject to normal tax at

24. Balance subject to normal tax at

### PREPARATION

Did you employ anyone especially

foreign? (Answer "Yes" or "No.")

State the extent to which you receive

See 2c

Net Income from Salaries, Etc.

SCHEDULE C.—INCOME FROM PAYOUTS

SCHEDULE E.—PROFIT FROM SALE OF

1. Kind of Payment.	2. Name of

See 2c

Net Profit from Sales (total of

SCHEDULE E.—INCOME FROM

1. Kind of Payment.	2. Name of

See 2c

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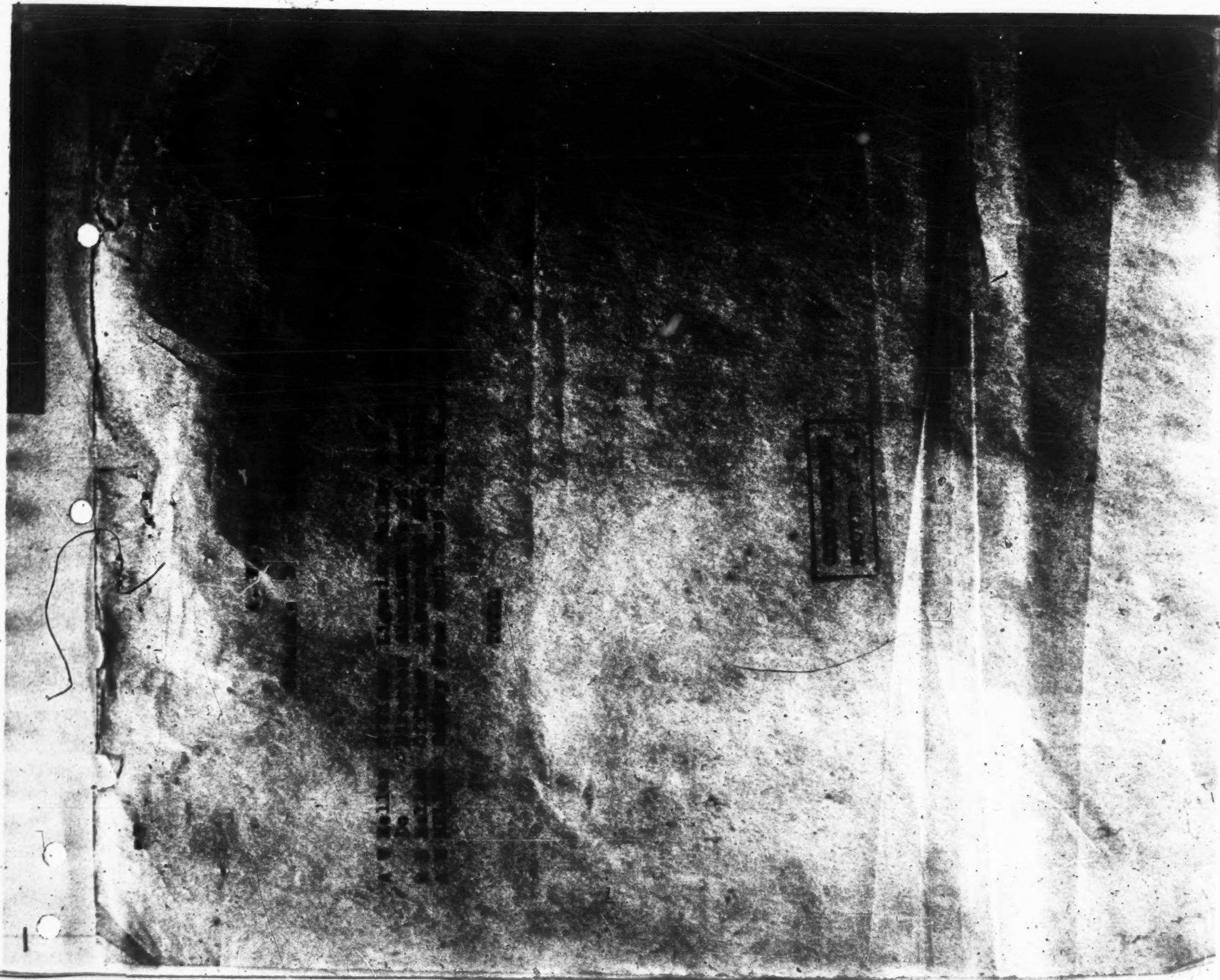
Interest on bonds, mortgages, and  
dividends on bonds of foreign countries  
on their net incomes

Interest on bank deposits, mortgages  
paid for you at source on

from underwritten

Total





*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Offers.*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence a certified copy of the individual income tax return of Richard B. Mellon for the year 1920, identified as Defendant's Exhibit "B".

*Mr. Booth:*

Same objection.

*The Court:*

Objection overruled; exception noted.

That the full purport and substance of said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is contained in the parts thereof which are in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "B".**

(Page 406 a.)







Particulars	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	234
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## COMPUTATION OF TAX.

Income on which tax is to be computed (from Schedule N)	\$ 726727	76
Dividends (from Schedule H)	\$25142	83
Taxable interest on Liberty Bonds, etc. (from Item 16 (i) above)	3642	96
Personal exemption	NONE	
TOTAL OF ITEMS 18, 19, AND 20	998785	79
Less subject to normal tax (Item 17 minus Item 21)	NONE	
Net subject to normal tax at 4% (not over \$4,000)		
Less subject to normal tax at 8% (Item 22 minus Item 23)	NONE	

### PREPARATION OF RETURN.

you employ anyone especially to prepare or advise in the preparation of this (Answer "Yes" or "No.") NO If so, give name and address and extent to which you received such assistance or advice.

25. Normal tax at 4% on amount of Item 23	None	1942
26. Normal tax at 8% on amount of Item 24	None	1942
27. Surtax on Item 17 (see surtax table, page 1 of instructions)	408615	77
28. TOTAL TAX	408615	77
29. Less: Tax paid at source		1942 49
30. Income and profits taxes paid during taxable period to foreign countries or possessions of the United States (attach Form 1116)		-- --
31. Balance of tax due (Item 28 minus Items 29 and 30)		1942 49
32. Amount of tax paid on submission of return	4086673	23
ONE-FOURTH	10666	32

## AMENDED RETURNS.

An amended return must be plainly marked "~~Proposed~~" across the face of the return.

## CHECKS AND DEBITS

Checks and drafts will be accepted only if payable at par at your Collector's office.

Total

**MODULE H--DIVIDENDS.**  
Received (c) directly, \$

**MODULE I--YIELD INTEREST ON LI**

**MODULE J--TOTAL NET I**

**MODULE K--DEDUCTIONS**

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**Module L--**

**Module M--**

**Module N--**





**SCHEDULE "F" - INCOME FROM SALARIES, FEES, COMMISSIONS, DIVIDENDS, DIRECTORS FEES, ETC.**

<u>Received by</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Employer &amp; Address</u>	<u>Amount Received.</u>
Richard B. Mellon,	Director,	Union Tr. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$ 800.00
Do.	Director,	Gulf Oil Corp. Do.	100.00
Do.	Director,	Union Savings Bank, Do.	200.00
Do.	Director,	Mellon Natl. Bank, Do.	200.00
Do.	Managing Partner	A. Overholt & Co. Do.	2,499.96
Do.	Director,	Aluminum Co. of Amer. Do.	5,000.00
Do.	Director	Federal Reserve Bank, Do.	70.00
Do.	Director,	Penna. Wtr. Co. Wilkinsburg, Pa.	5.00
Do.	Treasurer	Ligonier Valley RR. Co., Ligonier, Pa.	<u>1,050.00</u>
			<u>\$ 9,824.96</u>



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Offers.*

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The omitted portions of said Defendant's Exhibits "A" and "B", together with the parts set forth above, are also incorporated by reference and made parts hereof, the original said exhibits in certified photostatic form having been duly certified to the Circuit Court of Appeals with the transcript of record and as part thereof pursuant to stipulation between counsel and order of this court that said exhibits be sent up in their original certified photostatic form with, and as part of, the transcript of record, as appears elsewhere herein.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence, as Defendant's Exhibit "C", certified photostatic copy of a letter dated February 9, 1922, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue from Albert W. Smith, acting revenue agent in charge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, transmitting revenue agent's report dated November 8, 1921, submitted to Internal Revenue Agent in Charge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Albert W. Smith, internal revenue agent, *in re* A. W. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court, please, I would like an offer on this revenue agent's report.

*The Court:*

What is the purpose?

*Mr. Eustace:*

The purpose of this is to show what the Commissioner did in reaching his determination of the de-

**IF RETURN IS FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 1920  
FILE IT WITH THE  
COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL  
REVENUE FOR YOUR  
DISTRICT ON OR BEFORE  
MARCH 15, 1921**

**IF FOR A PERIOD OTHER  
THAN A CALENDAR  
YEAR THE RETURN  
SHOULD BE FILED ON OR  
BEFORE THE 15TH DAY  
OF THE THIRD MONTH  
FOLLOWING THE CLOSE  
OF SUCH PERIOD**

I swear (or affirm) that this is  
a true and complete return made in good  
faith and belief that it is true and  
correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
*R. C. H. H. H.*  
(Signature of officer and  
notary public)

1. Are you a citizen of the United States? **YES**
4. Did you file a return for 1919? **YES**
7. Did you receive any adjustments of Government contracts through the Government?
9. If not, were you on the last day of the year supporting one or more persons who are closely related to you?
11. Was a separate return filed by your wife (or husband)?
12. Write "R" if you kept no books; or "A" if you kept books.
14. Enter below all nontaxable income.

**LIST OF SECURITIES**

First Liberty Loan 3 1/2% Bonds Redeemable before 1917, and obligations of U. S. possession

Victory Liberty Loan 5 1/2% Notes

15. Enter in the table below income from securities.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTNER OR TRUST, WHEN

**A. Overholt & Co.  
West Overton Dist  
J. R. - A. W. & R. B. Mc  
St.**

- (a) Totals (see page 2 of instructions)
16. Enter on line (a) in the table below by you during the taxable year.

OBLIGATIONS	INTEREST DATA	AMOUNT OF INTEREST	AVERAGE PRINCIPAL	EXEMPTIONS	TAXABLE INTEREST
First Liberty Loan 3 1/2% Bonds Redeemable before 1917, and obligations of U. S. possession	June 15	274	274	X X X X X	X X X X X
	December 15				
(a) Amount of interest		274			
(b) Average principal					
(c) \$5,000					
(d) 20,000					
(e) 30,000					
(f) 45,000					
(g) 30,000					
(h) 30,000					
(i) 5,000					
(j) Principal in excess of exemptions					
(k) Taxable interest					

(l) Total taxable interest on all obligations.  
State the amount of the Victory Liberty Loan.  
State the amount of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

17. Net income on which tax is to be paid.
18. Less: Dividends (from Schedule A)
19. Taxable interest on Liberty Loan (from Item 16 (l) above)
20. Personal exemption
21. Total of Items 18, 19, and 20
22. Balance subject to normal tax
23. Amount subject to normal tax
24. Balance subject to normal tax

**PREPARED BY**  
Did you employ anyone else to prepare this return? (Answer "Yes" or "No")  
state the extent to which you were employed.

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	
1. Kind of business	
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<b>ITEM 7</b>	
<b>ITEM 4</b>	

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iciency, based upon the information contained in letters which we will later offer from the Commissioner to the taxpayer; to be connected up by other exhibits.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, this is objected to on the record, that the report of the revenue agent is hearsay; that the action of the Commissioner is shown by his sixty-day letter; and this report besides being hearsay is irrelevant and generally immaterial, it contains a lot of matters which are entirely outside the scope of this case.

*Mr. Eustace:*

I might say further in connection with this offer that the deficiency letter which was sent to the taxpayer, plaintiff by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue was made up from his report, and refers to the report, the letter later to be offered in evidence.

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, this report, or any report of a revenue agent, is purely hearsay testimony. The revenue agent has not been called to identify it; we do not know where he gets his figures; and the report covers the entire income of the plaintiff, irrespective of whether the other items are involved in this suit; this report is not the determination of the Commissioner, and the only determination of the Commissioner is set forth in his sixty-day letter; the report is entirely hearsay evidence, and is not competent.

*The Court:*

Is it attached in any way to the Commissioner's findings?



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*Mr. Eustace:*

It is referred to in the Commissioner's letter which will later be introduced in evidence, and figures in that letter were taken from this report, as will be shown by the deficiency letter itself.

*The Court:*

What does it tend to prove?

*Mr. Eustace:*

It shows what the Commissioner did in determining the deficiency, and the correctness of the tax. It refutes the allegations of the statement of claim, which have been denied in the affidavit of defense, going to the question of whether or not these were partnerships and as to whether or not the plaintiff has now changed front.

*The Court:*

But how would that show any change of front, a letter by the agent? It would not be an action of the plaintiff at all.

*Mr. Eustace:*

It connects up with the action of the Commissioner; it is offered for the purpose of showing what the Commissioner did; it connects up with the protest filed by the plaintiff to the action of the Commissioner.

*Mr. Frazer:*

This doesn't show what the Commissioner did, if the Court please. We have no objection to his putting in the final report of the Commissioner, but this is purely hearsay.

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*The Court:*

It would not, of course, prove the facts alleged in it at all; it could not be used for that purpose in any way whatsoever. I cannot see what effect it would have in the case. It seems to me now it must be excluded.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Note an exception.

*The Court:*

Yes.

*Mr. Eustace:*

At this time defendant offers certified copy of the letter dated February 9, 1922, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, from Albert W. Smith, acting revenue agent in charge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, transmitting revenue agent's report dated November 8, 1921, with Exhibit "A" attached, submitted to the Internal Revenue Agent in Charge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Albert W. Smith, internal revenue agent in charge, *re* R. B. Mellon, Pittsburgh. This is offered as Defendant's Exhibit "D".

*Mr. Booth:*

Same objection; it is exactly a similar report to the other one, covering the individual income tax return of individual R. B. Mellon.

*The Court:*

The objection is sustained, and exception noted.

(Defendant's Exhibits "C" and "D" were subsequently admitted as hereinafter shown.)

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*Mr. Eustace:*

At this time the defendant offers in evidence certified photostatic copy of a letter dated February 21, 1927, with statement attached, to Mr. A. W. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from D. H. Blair, Commissioner, being deficiency letter relating to the 1920 income of plaintiff. This is offered as Defendant's Exhibit "E".

*Mr. Booth:*

If the Court please, this sixty-day letter shows nothing that adds to this case, and it is objected to on the ground that it is redundant, and therefore immaterial. The pleadings and the evidence so far show what the Commissioner did with respect to the 1920 tax of the plaintiff A. W. Mellon.

*The Court:*

I will overrule the objection, and note an exception. It may be admitted.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

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**Defendant's Exhibit "E".**

February 21, 1927.

Mr. A. W. Mellon,  
Woodland Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

The determination of your income tax liability for the years, 1919 and 1920, pursuant to an exam-

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ination of your books of account and records, as set forth in office letter dated December 16, 1926, has been changed as a result of your protest to disclose a deficiency in tax amounting to \$384,580.45. The adjustments are shown in detail in the attached statement.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 274 of the Revenue Act of 1926, you are allowed 60 days from the date of mailing of this letter within which to file a petition for the redetermination of this deficiency. Any such petition must be addressed to the United States Board of Tax Appeals, Earle Building, Washington, D. C., and must be mailed in time to reach the Board within the 60-day period, not counting Sunday as the sixtieth day.

Where a taxpayer has been given an opportunity to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals and has not done so within the 60 days prescribed and an assessment has been made, or where a taxpayer has filed a petition and an assessment in accordance with the final decision on such petition has been made, the unpaid amount of the assessment must be paid upon notice and demand from the Collector of Internal Revenue. No claim for abatement can be entertained.

If you acquiesce in this determination and do not desire to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals, you are requested to execute a waiver of your right to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals on the inclosed Form A, and forward it to the Commis-



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sioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., for the attention of IT:PA:PYA-WSL. In the event that you acquiesce in a part of the determination, the waiver should be executed with respect to the items to which you agree.

Respectfully,

D. H. BLAIR,  
Commissioner.

By (Signed) C. R. NASH,  
Assistant to the Commissioner.

Inclosures:

Statement  
Form A  
Form 882

STATEMENT

February 21, 1927

A. W. Mellon  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Deficiency

1919	\$194,160.75	Waiver expires December 31, 1927
1920	190,419.70	Waiver expires December 31, 1927

384,580.45

The above deficiency in tax for 1919 and 1920 is the result of an audit of your returns for the respective years in connection with the report of the

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Internal Revenue Agent at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated November 8, 1921, and a conference held in this office on February 19, 1927, with your representative.

In the protests of January 29 and February 11, 1927, filed in your behalf, exception is taken to the disallowance of deductions claimed in your returns for contributions to the Citizen's Committee on the City Plan of Pittsburgh. In view of a recent ruling of the Bureau, a copy of which is attached to the protest of February 11, 1927, these deductions have been allowed.

In the protest of January 29, 1927, exception is also taken to the refusal of this office to allow as a deduction for the years involved, your aliquot part of an alleged value of \$1,364,330.20 as of March 1, 1913, for the goodwill, trade marks, trade names, etc. of A. Overholt & Company. This item, however, is not mentioned in the subsequent protest of February 11, 1927. In this connection you are advised that no deduction for obsolescence is allowable under a recent decision of the U. S. District Court in the case of the Red Wing Malting Company.

For 1919 your net taxable income as shown in office letter of December 16, 1926, has been reduced by \$1,350.00, representing contributions to the Citizen's Committee previously disallowed, resulting in a corrected net income of \$2,998,417.73 and corrected tax liability of \$1,877,670.43. Inasmuch as 1,683,509.68 was previously assessed, the deficiency is \$194,160.75.

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The net taxable income for 1920 has been reduced by \$7,400.00, contributions made in that year to the Citizen's Committee. This adjustment discloses a corrected net income of \$1,813,876.62 instead of \$1,821,276.62 indicated in letter dated December 16, 1926, and corrected tax liability of \$1,110,197.56. Since \$919,777.86 was previously assessed, the deficiency disclosed is \$190,419.70.

The assessments are in addition to all other outstanding and unpaid assessments appearing upon the Collector's lists.

Payment of the tax should not be made until a bill is received from the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district, and remittance should then be made to him.

A copy of this letter has been furnished your representative, Mr. W. A. Seifert.

(Signed) C. R. NASH.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence, as Defendant's Exhibit "F", a certified photostatic copy of letter dated February 21, 1927, to Mr. Richard B. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from D. H. Blair, Commissioner, being a deficiency letter for the 1920 individual tax of R. B. Mellon.

*Mr. Booth:*

Same objection.

*The Court:*

Objection overruled; exception noted.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "F".**

Feb., 21, 1927.

Mr. Richard B. Mellon,  
514 Smithfield Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

The determination of your income tax liability for the taxable years 1919 and 1920 pursuant to an examination of your books of account and records, as set forth in office letter dated December 6, 1926, has been changed as a result of your protest, to disclose a deficiency in tax amounting to \$335,617.43 for the years 1919 and 1920. The adjustments are shown in detail in the attached statement.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 274 of the Revenue Act of 1926, you are allowed 60 days from the date of mailing of this letter within which to file a petition for the redetermination of this deficiency. Any such petition must be addressed to the United States Board of Tax Appeals, Earle Building, Washington, D. C., and must be mailed in time to reach the Board within the 60-day period, not counting Sunday as the sixtieth day.

Where a taxpayer has been given an opportunity to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals and has not done so within the 60 days prescribed and an assessment has been made, or where a taxpayer has filed a peti-



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tion and an assessment in accordance with the final decision on such petition has been made, the unpaid amount of the assessment must be paid upon notice and demand from the Collector of Internal Revenue. No claim for abatement can be entertained.

If you acquiesce in this determination and do not desire to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals, you are requested to execute a waiver of your right to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals on the inclosed Form A, and forward it to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., for the attention of IT:PA:PYA-60-D-WSL. In the event that you acquiesce in a part of the determination, the waiver should be executed with respect to the items to which you agree.

Respectfully,

D. H. BLAIR,  
*Commissioner.*

By (Signed) C. R. NASH,  
*Assistant to the Commissioner.*

Inclosures:

Statement  
Form A.

## STATEMENT

Feb. 21, 1927

*In re:* Richard B. Mellon  
Deficiency

1919 \$160,357.73 (Waiver expires 12/31/27)  
1920 175,529.70 (Waiver expires 12/31/27)

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\$335,617.43

The above deficiencies in tax for 1919 and 1920 are the result of the audit of your returns for the respective years in connection with the report of the Internal Revenue Agent at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated November 8, 1921, and a conference held in this office on February 16, 1927, with your representative.

In the protests of January 29, and February 11, 1927, filed in your behalf, exception is taken to the disallowance of deduction claimed in your returns for contributions to the Citizen's Committee on the City Plan of Pittsburgh. In view of a recent ruling of the Bureau, a copy of which is attached to the protest of February 11, 1927, these deductions have been allowed.

In the protest of January 29, 1927, exception is also taken to the refusal of this office to allow as a deduction for the years involved, your aliquot part of an alleged value of \$1,364,330.20 as of March 1, 1913, for the goodwill, trade marks, trade names, etc. of A. Overholt & Company. This item, however, is not mentioned in the subsequent protest of February 11, 1927. In this connection

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you are advised that no deduction for obsolescence is allowable under a recent decision of the U. S. District Court in the case of the Red Wing Malt-ing Company.

The above adjustment for allowable contribu-tions results in no change in net taxable income for 1919 since 15% of your net income without the benefit of a deduction for contributions has already been allowed in accordance with Section 214 (a) (11), Revenue Act of 1918.

For 1920 your net taxable income as shown in office letter dated December 16, 1926, has been re-duced by \$8,400.00, representing contributions to the Citizen's Committee previously disallowed, re-sulting in a corrected net income of \$1,000,459.28 and corrected tax liability of \$581,932.98. Inas-much as \$406,673.28 was previously assessed, the deficiency in tax is \$175,259.70.

The assessments are in addition to all other outstanding and unpaid assessments appearing upon the Collector's lists.

Payment of the tax should not be made until a bill is received from the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district, and remittance should then be made to him.

A copy of this letter has been furnished your representative, Mr. W. A. Seifert.

(Signed) C. R. NASH,

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Thereupon counsel for defendant offered in evi-dence certified photostatic copy of letter dated Decem-

ber 16, 1926, to A. W. Mellon, Pittsburgh, from the Assistant to the Commissioner, being Bureau letter which immediately preceded the letter marked Exhibit "E", and which is referred to in said Exhibit "E", relating to the income tax of said plaintiff for the year 1920; the same being marked Defendant's Exhibit "G". Counsel stated it was offered for the purpose of meeting the denials of the allegations in the amended affidavit of defense, as set forth in the Reply, particularly in connection with Paragraph 4 of the Second Defense, which is denied by the Reply; and also Paragraph 11 of the Second Defense, part of which is denied by the Reply.

*Mr. Booth:*

I have no objection to the second portion of the offer; but I object to it, as not proof at all of the first part.

*The Court:*

You do not object to it in part, do I understand you correctly? That will be admitted then, and consideration given to it later.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

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**Defendant's Exhibit "G".**

December 16, 1926.

Mr. A. W. Mellon,  
Woodland Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

A reaudit of your income tax returns for 1919 and 1920 in connection with the report of the Internal Revenue Agent at Pittsburgh dated November 8, 1921, discloses an aggregate deficiency in tax of \$390,267.95, details which are shown in the attached statement.

The recommendations of the Revenue Agent above indicated have been approved by this office after consideration of the protest filed with this office in connection therewith. If you acquiesce in the proposed adjustments as shown in this letter and the accompanying statement, you are requested to execute the enclosed form and forward it to this office for the attention of IT:PA:PYA:ARM. In the event that you acquiesce in a part of such proposed adjustments the form should be executed with respect to the items to which you agree.

If, however, you do not acquiesce in all of the proposed changes, you will be afforded an opportunity for hearing in the Unit at Washington upon request.

If no reply is received within ten days from the date of this letter it will be assumed that no hearing is desired and the Bureau will proceed to close the case in the usual manner.

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If after said hearing, and consideration by this office of evidence or briefs of argument submitted, this office finally determines that there is a deficiency, you will be advised thereof by registered mail in accordance with the provisions of Section 274 of the Revenue Act of 1926. Should you not agree to the deficiency as finally determined, you will be allowed sixty days from the date of mailing of the registered letter (not counting Sunday as the sixtieth day) in which to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals for a redetermination of the deficiency.

Respectfully,

*Assistant to the Commissioner.*

Enclosures:

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Form 7858

**STATEMENT**

	December 16, 1926
1919 Additional Tax .....	\$195,038.25
(Waiver expires December 31, 1927.)	
1920 Additional Tax .....	195,229.70
(Waiver expires December 31, 1927.)	
 Total .....	 \$390,267.95

The report of the examining officer has been approved with the following exceptions:

1919

Under the provisions of Treasury Decision 3685, the credit for 2% tax paid at source amounting to \$4,811.09 has been eliminated from gross income.

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In the reaudit of the partnership return of A. Overholt & Company, deduction for obsolescence of good will has been disallowed. This is in conformity with decision of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in the Red Wing Malting Company case recently upheld by the Circuit Court of Appeals. Deduction of \$12,500 deferred organization expense has been disallowed since it was recommended for allowance in the audit of A. Overholt & Company (corporation) for 1918. These adjustments reduce your individual loss from \$133,852.45, as shown in the report, to \$122,980.92.

Deduction for contributions has been reduced by donations made to the following organizations in the amounts indicated:

Civic Club of Allegheny County.....	\$ 100.00
Citizen's Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh .....	1,350.00
National Federation of Construction Industries .....	250.00
Total .....	\$1,700.00

The above contributions have been disallowed as deductions for the reason that they were not made to associations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, educational purposes, etc. as outlined under Section 214 (a) (11) of the Revenue Act of 1918.

Revised net income is as follows:

Net income as shown by agent's report ..\$2,992.007.29

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Plus: Decrease in partnership loss .....	\$10,871.53	
Contributions disallowed .....	1,700.00	
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	\$12,571.53	
Less: Credit 2% tax paid at source .....	4,811.09	7,760.44
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Revised income .....		\$2,999,767.73
Dividends .....	\$3,290,568.02	
Liberty Bond Interest .....	15,924.86	
Personal Exemption .....	2,400.00	3,308,892.88
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Income subject to normal tax .....		None
Surtax on \$2,999,767.73 ....	\$1,883,359.02	
Less tax paid at source ....	4,811.09	
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	1,878,547.93	
Less tax previously assessed .....	1,683,509.68	
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Additional tax .....	195,038.25	
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	1920	

The following contributions have been disallowed for the reason that they were not made to corporations operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, etc., as outlined under Section 214 (a) (11) of the Revenue Act of 1918:



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Civic Club of Allegheny County .....	\$ 100.00
Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pitts-	
burgh .....	7,400.00
Wilkinsburg Civic Club .....	10.00
Choate Memorial Building, Wallingford,	
Conn. ....	15,000.00
Total .....	<u>\$22,510.00</u>

Upon a reaudit of the partnership return of A. Overholt & Company, the deduction for obsolescence of good will has been disallowed. Your income from this source has accordingly been increased from \$205,754.62, as shown by the agent, to \$281,779.95.

In accordance with Treasury Decision 3685, the 2% tax paid at the source on tax-free-covenant bonds amounting to \$2,332.24 has been excluded from gross income.

**A recomputation of your tax follows:**

Net income as shown by Agent's report ..	\$1,725,073.53	
Plus: Increase in partnership		
income .....	\$76,025.33	
Contributions disallow-		
ed .....	22,510.00	
	<u>98,535.33</u>	
Less: 2% tax paid at source..	2,332.24	96,203.09
Corrected net income subject to surtax..	<u>\$1,821,276.62</u>	
Personal exemptions ....	\$ 2,200.00	
Dividends .....	3,353,819.92	3,356,019.92

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Income subject to normal	
tax .....	None
Surtax on \$1,821,276.62 ....	\$1,117,339.80
Less 2% tax paid at source.,	2,332.24
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Balance .....	1,115,007.56
Less tax previously as-	
essed .....	919,777.86
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Further tax due .....	195,229.70

This communication supersedes office letter dated March 8, 1923.

These proposed assessments are in addition to all outstanding and unpaid assessments appearing upon the Collector's lists.

In the event that you forward to this office a protest against any or all of the adjustments set forth in this communication, the statement of facts upon which you base your protest must be signed and sworn to by you.

Payment of the tax should not be made until a bill is received from the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district, and remittance should then be made to him.

Mr. Eustace:

Defendant offers in evidence certified photostatic copy of letter dated December 16, 1926, to Mr. Richard B. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from C. R. Nash, Assistant to the Commissioner, as Defendant's Exhibit "H".

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Mr. Booth:

For the same purpose?

Mr. Eustace:

Same purpose.

Mr. Booth:

Admitted for the second purpose, and objected to for the first purpose.

The Court:

Well, it may be admitted, and consideration given to it later.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "H".**

December 16, 1926.

Mr. Richard B. Mellon,  
514 Smithfield Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

A reaudit of your income tax returns for 1919 and 1920 in connection with the Internal Revenue Agent's report dated November 8, 1921, discloses an aggregate deficiency of \$341,656.37, the details of which are shown in the attached statement.

The recommendations of the Revenue Agent above indicated have been approved by this office after consideration of the protest filed in connection therewith. If you acquiesce in the proposed adjustments as shown in this letter and the accompanying statement, you are

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requested to execute the enclosed form and forward it to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., for the attention of IT:PA:PYA—ARM. In the event that you acquiesce in a part of such proposed adjustments the form should be executed with respect to the items to which you agree.

If, however, you do not acquiesce in all of the proposed changes, you will be afforded an opportunity for hearing in the Unit at Washington on request.

If no reply is received within 10 days from the date of this letter it will be assumed that no hearing is desired and the Bureau will proceed to close the case in the usual manner.

If after said hearing and consideration by this office of evidence or briefs of argument submitted, the Commissioner finally determines that there is a deficiency, you will be advised thereof by registered mail in accordance with the provisions of Section 274 of the Revenue Act of 1926. Should you not agree to the deficiency as finally determined by the Commissioner, you will be allowed 60 days from the date of mailing of the registered letter (not counting Sunday as the sixtieth day) in which to file a petition with the United States Board of Tax Appeals for a redetermination of the deficiency.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. R. NASH,  
*Assistant to the Commissioner.*

Enclosures:

Statement  
Form A



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STATEMENT.

*In re:* R. B. Mellon.

Deficiency

1919	\$160,357.73	(Waiver expires December 31, 1927.)
1920	181,298.64	(Waiver expires December 31, 1927.)

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341,656.37

The report of the examining officer has been approved with the following exceptions:

1919

Your individual loss through A. Overholt and Company, partnership, has been reduced from \$133,852.45 to \$122,980.92. This results from a reaudit of the partnership return in which obsolescence of good will has been denied in view of the decision of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in the Red Wing Malting Company case and deduction for organization expense has also been disallowed.

In accordance with Treasury Decision 3685, the credit for 2% tax paid at source has been excluded from gross income.

The deductions for contributions has been increased from \$111,907.64 to \$113,222.38 or to 15% of the revised net income.

The revised net income is as follows:

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Net income as shown by Agent .....				\$ 634,143.3
Plus: Decrease in partnership loss .....			\$10,871.53	
Less: 2% tax paid at source .....	\$	2,106.60		
Increased contributions .....		1,314.74	3,421.34	7,450.0
Corrected Net Income ..				\$ 641,593.9
Dividends .....	\$1,035	651.78		
Liberty Bond Interest .....		12,757.20		1,047,408.9
No income subject to normal tax .....				—
Surtax on \$641,593.50 .....				\$ 354,129.5
Less 2% tax paid at source .....				2,106.6
				352,023.3
Tax previously assessed .....				191,665.9
Additional tax .....				160,357.7

1920

The following contributions have been disallowed as deductions for the reason that they were not made to associations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, educational purposes, etc. as outlined under Section 214 (a) (1) of the Revenue Act of 1918.

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Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh.....	\$8,400.00
Urban League of Pittsburgh .....	50.00

Total .....	8,450.00
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Upon a réaudit of the partnership return of A. Overholt & Company, the deduction for obsolescence of good will has been disallowed. Your income from this source has accordingly been increased from \$205,754.62, as shown by the agent to \$281,779.95.

In accordance with Treasury Decision 3685, the 2% tax paid at source on tax-free-covenant bonds amounting to \$1942.49 has been excluded from gross income. A recomputation of tax follows:

Net income as shown by agent .....		\$ 926,326.44
Plus: Increase in partnership income .....	\$76,025.33	
Contributions disallowed .....	8,450.00	
	<u>\$84,475.33</u>	
Less: 2% tax paid at source .....	1,942.49	82,532.84
		<u>\$1,008,859.28</u>
Corrected net income ..		
Less dividends .....	\$ 995,142.83	
Liberty Bond Interest..	3,642.96	998,785.79
		<u>10,073.49</u>
Amount subject to normal tax .....		

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Amount subject to normal tax at 4% .....	4,000
Amount subject to normal tax at 8% .....	6,073
Normal tax at 4%..	160
Normal tax at 8%..	485
Surtax .....	589,268
Total .....	\$ 589,914
Less tax paid at source .....	1,942
Balance .....	\$ 587,972
Previously assessed	406,673
Further tax due ...	181,298

This communication supersedes office letter dated March 1923.

These proposed assessments are in addition to all outstanding and unpaid assessments appearing upon the Collector's lists.

In the event that you forward to this office a protest against any or all of the adjustments set forth in this communication, the statement of facts upon which you base your protest must be signed and sworn to by you.

Payment of the tax should not be made until a bill is received from the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district, and remittance should then be made to him.



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "I".*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence Defendant's Exhibit "I", being a certified photostatic copy letter dated December 20, 1922, to Mr. A. W. Mellon from Deputy Commissioner, being the Bureau letter which immediately preceded the letter just admitted as Exhibit "G".

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "I".**

December 20, 1922.

Mr. A. W. Mellon,  
Woodland Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

An examination of your income tax returns and of your books of account and records for the years 1919 and 1920, discloses an additional tax liability for the years 1919 and 1920, aggregating \$328,975.47, as shown in detail in the attached statement.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 250 (d) of the Revenue Act of 1921, you are granted thirty days within which to file an appeal and show cause or reason why this tax or deficiency should not be paid. No particular form of appeal is required, but if filed it must set forth specifically the exceptions upon which it

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is taken, shall be under oath, contain a statement that it is not for the purpose of delay, and the facts and evidence upon which you rely must be fully stated. The appeal, if filed, must be addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., for the specific attention of IT:SA:CCG, and will be referred to the Income Tax Unit before transmittal to the agency designated for the hearing of such appeals.

You may, if you desire, request a conference before the Income Tax Unit in connection with the appeal, to be held within the period prior to the expiration of five days after the time prescribed for the filing of the appeal. If the Income Tax Unit is unable to concede the points raised in your appeal, it will be transmitted, together with the recommendation of the Income Tax Unit, to such agency as the Commissioner may designate for final consideration.

Where a taxpayer has been given an opportunity to appeal and has not done so, as set forth above, and an assessment has been made, or where a taxpayer has appealed and an assessment in accordance with the final decision on such appeal has been made, no claim in abatement of the assessment will be entertained.

Payment should not be made until a bill is received from the Collector of Internal Revenue for your district, and remittance should then be made to him.

Respectfully,

*Deputy Commissioner.*

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## SUMMARY, DECEMBER 20, 1922.

1919 Additional tax .....\$148,869.20

1920 Additional tax ..... 180,106.27

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 Total additional tax .....\$328,975.47

The revenue agent's report has been approved as submitted with the exception of adjustments made to the distributive share from A. Overholt and Company, partnership, which are fully explained in statement of Distributive Interest attached.

The deduction for obsolescence of good will has been computed in accordance with Advisory Tax Board Recommendation 44, using as a basis, the average earnings for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912, attributing a ten per cent return to the average tangible assets for the same period and capitalizing the remainder, as the average return attributable to good will, at fifteen per cent.

This computation discloses a value of good will as of March 1, 1913 of \$435,575.00 which has been apportioned as follows:

1918 .....\$203,886.10

1919 ..... 222,421.20

1920 ..... 9,267.70

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 \$435,575.00

Year ended December 31, 1919

Net loss for normal tax

shown by agent .....

\$ 314,485.59

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Loss—A. Overholt & Co. as shown in attached sched- ule .....	\$ 197,121.32	
Loss—A. Overholt & Co. as shown by agent .....	133,852.45	63,268.87
Corrected loss for normal tax .....		\$ 377,754.46
Dividends received .....	\$3,290,568.02	
U. S. Bond interest .....	15,924.86	3,306,492.88
Corrected net income for surtax .....		\$2,928,738.42
Normal tax .....	None	
Surtax .....	\$1,837,189.97	
Credit 2% Tax Free In- terest .....	4,811.09	
Total tax .....	\$1,832,378.88	
Tax previously assessed	1,683,509.68	
Additional tax due ....	\$ 148,869.20	
Year ended December 31, 1920		
Net income for surtax shown by agent .....		\$1,725,073.53
Income—A. Overholt & Co. as shown in attached schedule .....	\$ 278,690.89	
Income—A. Overholt & Co. as shown by agent .....	205,754.62	72,936.27
Corrected net income for surtax .....		\$1,798,009.80

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Normal tax .....	None
Surtax .....	\$1,102,216.37
Credit 2% Tax Free Interest .....	2,332.24

Total tax .....	\$1,099,884.13
Tax previously assessed	919,777.86

Additional tax due ....\$ 180,106.27

**STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTIVE INTEREST****A. Overholt & Company**

1919

Net loss reported by agent	\$	397,094.86
Obsolescence of good will corrected .....	\$	222,421.20
Obsolescence of good will shown by agent .....	20,114.60	202,306.60
	\$	599,401.46

Lawyer's fees allowed by agent disallowed and deducted in 1918 corporation return .....	12,500.00
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Corrected loss to be distributed .....	\$ 586,901.46
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	<i>Loss</i>	<i>L. B. Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
A. W. Mellon ..	\$195,633.82	\$ 1,487.50	\$ 197,121.32
R. B. Mellon...	195,633.82	1,487.50	197,121.32
H. C. Frick ...	195,633.82	1,487.50	197,121.32



Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "J".

	1920	
Net income reported by agent .....		\$ 617,263.8
Obsolescence of good will shown by agent .....	\$ 228,076.01	
Obsolescence of good will corrected .....	9,267.20	218,808.8
Corrected income to be distributed .....		\$ 836,072.8
A. W. Mellon .....	\$ 278,690.89	
R. B. Mellon .....	278,690.89	
H. C. Frick .....	278,690.88	

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence Defendant's Exhibit "J", being a certified photostatic copy of a letter dated December 20, 1922, to Mr. R. B. Mellon from the Deputy Commissioner.

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "J".**

December 20, 1922.

Mr. R. B. Mellon,  
6500 Fifth Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

An examination of your income tax returns and your books of account and records for the years 19

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "J".*

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and 1920 discloses an additional tax liability for the years 1919 and 1920, aggregating \$295,279.99, as shown in detail in the attached statement.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) *Deputy Commissioner.*

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SUMMARY, DECEMBER 20, 1922.

1919 Additional tax .....\$120,857.54

1920 Additional tax ..... 174,422.45

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Total additional tax ....\$295,279.99

The revenue agent's report has been approved as submitted with the exception of adjustments made to the distributive share from A. Overholt and Company, partnership, which are fully explained in Statement of Distributive Interest attached.

The deduction for obsolescence of good will has been computed in accordance with Advisory Tax Board Recommendation 44, using as a basis, the average earnings for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912, attributing a ten per cent return to the average tangible assets for the same period and capitalizing the remainder, as the average return attributable to good will, at fifteen per cent.

Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "J".

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1919 .....	222,421.20
1920 .....	9,267.70

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\$435,575.00

Year ended December 31, 1919

Net income for surtax shown

by agent ..... \$ 643,143.30

Loss—A. Overholt & Co.

shown in attached schedule ..... \$ 197,121.32

Loss—A. Overholt & Co.

shown by agent ..... 133,852.45      63,268.87

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Corrected net income for

surtax ..... \$ 579,874.43

Normal tax ..... None

Surtax ..... \$ 314,629.64

Credit 2% Tax Free Interest ..... 2,106.61

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Total tax ..... \$ 312,523.03

Tax previously assessed 191,665.49

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Additional tax due .... \$ 120,857.54

Year ended December 31, 1920

Net income for surtax shown

by agent ..... \$ 926,326.44

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Income—A. Overholt & Co. shown in attached sched- ule .....	\$ 278,690.89	
Income—A. Overholt & Co. shown by agent .....	206,754.62	72,936.27
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Corrected net income for surtax .....		\$ 999,262.71
Normal tax .....	None	
Surtax .....	\$ 583,038.22	
Credit 2% Tax Free In- terest .....	1,942.49	
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Total tax .....	\$ 581,095.73	
Tax previously assessed	406,673.28	
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Additional tax due ....	\$ 174,422.45	

## STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTIVE INTEREST

A. Overholt &amp; Company

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R. B. Mellon ..	195,633.82	1,487.50	197,121.32
H. C. Frick ....	195,633.82	1,487.50	197,121.32

1920

Net income reported by agent ..... \$ 617,263.85

Obsolescence of good will shown by agent ..... \$ 228,076.01

Obsolescence of good will corrected ..... 9,267.20 218,808.81

Corrected income to be distributed ..... \$ 836,072.66

A. W. Mellon .....	\$ 278,690.89
R. B. Mellon .....	278,690.89
H. C. Frick .....	278,690.88

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant now renews its offer of Defendant's Exhibit "C", being the copy of the revenue agent's report in connection with the tax liability of A. W. Mellon for the year 1920.

*The Court:*

How do these other exhibits change our former ruling in this respect?

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "C".*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

These letters which have been admitted in evidence refer to the report, and start with the income as computed by the Commissioner and by the agent.

*The Court:*

Is it referred to in these various letters?

*Mr. Eustace:*

Calling attention to Defendant's Exhibit "J", a letter addressed to the plaintiff, the Commissioner makes this statement: "The revenue agent's report has been approved as submitted, with the exception of adjustments made to the distributive share from A. Overholt & Company, partnership, which are fully explained in Statement of Distributive Interest attached", and attached to the letter is a computation.

*The Court:*

I think we will admit that, subject to objection and exception, Mr. Booth, simply as showing the answers of the Department and in connection with it. Of course, it is admissible only for that purpose.

*Mr. Booth:*

It is not admissible, sir, as proving any of the facts.

*Mr. Eustace:*

It is not offered for that purpose.

Which said Defendant's Exhibit "C", duly certified, so offered and admitted in evidence, is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "C".**

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OFFICE OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT IN CHARGE  
PITTSBURGH DIVISION

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

February 9, 1922.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue,

Washington, D. C.

Field Reports Control Section

Received *Dec. 18* 192*1*

Recorded *Dec. 18* 192*1*

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Attn: Field Division

The following individual report on the income tax liability of J. V. Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the years 1918 and 1919 is submitted herewith. The report is a copy of the original report filed for the year 1918, supplemental information report for the year 1919, and a copy of the report for the year 1920. The report is for the year 1918, and the report for the year 1919 is a copy of the original report filed for the year 1918, and the report for the year 1920 is a copy of the original report filed for the year 1918.





OFFICE OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT IN CHARGE  
PITTSBURGH DIVISION

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

In re: A. W. Mellon  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 23rd District

November 8, 1921.

Examining Officer Examination Commenced Examination Completed  
A. W. Smith, Agent Apr. 11, 1921 Nov. 8, 1921

Internal Revenue Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

*Days spent on examination - 6*

The following report is submitted as the result of an investigation of the income and profits tax liability of the above named individual for the years 1919 and 1920.

Comparison has been made with retained copies for the years 1919 and 1920. Prior years were reported on previously.

Authority for examination - By direction  
of Revenue Agent in Charge.

Business - Banker and Financier.

Exemption Status - No Normal tax.

Wife's income - None

## SUMMARY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Add'l Tax due</u>
1919	189,993.97
1920	132,697.69
Total	<u>322,691.66</u>
Net additional tax due	\$ 322,691.66

196,745.66

Taxpayer has been fully advised of the findings and approves same.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)  
Albert W. Smith,  
Internal Revenue Agent.

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Mr. Mellon was financier and Banker and, until 1921, has been connected with various interests. Owing to the volume of his transactions, his affairs have been somewhat difficult to examine.

Mr. H. M. Johnson, his Accountant has excellent records to conform in detail with the information required by the Department and has used great care in compiling the returns. Notwithstanding this fact Mr. Johnson discovered that some transactions in the hands of Post & Flagg, and Moore, Leonard & Lynch, Brokers, in which income existed for the years 1915 to 1919, inclusive, had been omitted, as the items were not entered on his books. I found that Mr. Johnson was filing amended returns for these years and suggested to him that he withhold 1919 and I would incorporate this change in my report. Inasmuch as former years had been examined, he filed amended returns for the years 1915 to 1919, inclusive, paying an additional tax of approximately \$125,000.00.

A similar transaction developed in my examination in which he included in Block C, 1919, original return income from W. W. Mellon's Special Account amounting to \$20,500.00. This had been separately and was entirely overlooked. Per the following schedule it will be noted that this is not income for 1919, but should have been distributed as follows:

Year	Total
1915	10,249.00
1916	24,326.97
1917	8,419.02
1918	10,730.00
1919	10,836.00
1920	10,836.00
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I offered to adjust this item to the year in which it was received, but Mr. Johnson preferred to leave the matter as it was. I stated that the taxpayer is in this instance, I feel that he should have been distributed as follows:

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2095 - Loss	10,836.00
2096 - Loss	10,836.00
2097 - Loss	10,836.00
2098 - Loss	10,836.00
2099 - Loss	10,836.00
2100 - Loss	10,836.00

awmellon 1919 Raised 7/19/24

Large A (as per previous audit) 302450.41

Block 2 Interest 774803.02  
 Taxes 101089.20  
 Bad debts 55515.53  
 Contributions 179117.81

610525.56  
 (308075.15)  
 3,290,568.02  
 15,224.86

Net Income  
 Dividends 3,290,568.02  
 213224

2,998,417.33

3306118.18

Profit 1198401.50  
 Contributions 4511.09

1197892.50

Interest 1182509.52

Additional 191100.00

Check

1197892.50  
 1182509.52  
 191100.00  
 3091502.02

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1919 - Annual Review - revised

Block B - Salaries etc

C - West Ostron  
RFB Mellon, Trustees  
Annual Report for

Block D as per agent

Block E Do

Block F Do

Block G Interest Mfg  
Builds Bank

Line H

Wt. Mellon Special %

Block I Deductions  
Interest  
Taxes  
Contributions  
Bad debts

Block K (a) as per agent

(H) Do

\$ 11,188.25

8762.41  
37865.68  
46628.09  
122980.92

( 76,352.83 )

1796.73

( 26083.10 )

240,554.72

151,346.64

302,450.41

609,175.56

( 306,725.15 )

3,290,548.02

15924.86

2,999,767.73

Reconciliation

Agent Income 2,992,007.79

Less

2% Credit tax at source 4811.09  
2,987,196.20

Add

Disallowed contributions 1700.00  
Reduced loss - Overhold 10871.53

2,999,977.73

13,571.53  
4611.09  
7760.44  
6570

3880220  
468264  
330442860  
189993.97  
195,038.25

No Normal tax

But tax

1,883,359.02

Total tax

1,883,359.02

Tax paid at source

4811.09

Assessed

1,878,547.93

Add tax

1,683,509.68

195,038.25

25  
2

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(1919)

	Original	Amended	Difference
B - Salaries			
Ligonier Valley RR Co.	1800.00		
Aluminum Co. of Amer.	5000.00		
Union Iron Co.	1083.29		
A. Overholt & Co. (Insurance)	2499.96		
Pace estimated Dividends	805.00	11188.25	
C - Partnership, etc.			
A. Overholt & Co.	(219514.51)		
West Overton Dist. Co. (1741.21)			
Midway R.B. Mellon			
Trustee	37855.68	(183389.94)	37865.68 (87224.36)
D - Profits on sales			
per schedule		(127504.64)	
E - Rents			
per schedule original	( 26083.10)		
F - Int. from tax free bonds			
per schedule	240554.72		
G - Other Income			
Interest from mtgu. etc.	350.00		
" " Foreign Bonds	6049.58		
" " Bank Dept.	118429.83		
2% Credit tax free Bond Interest.	4811.09		
H. L. Mellon special	26507.23	156157.72	
H - Total from above	70925.02	296399.97	225466.95 pl
I - Deductions			
Interest	114066.30	274803.02	160736.72 pl
Taxes	101089.20	101089.20	
Contributions	179467.81	179467.81	
Bad debts	60942.71	55515.53	610875.56
J - Net income for	455566.02		5427.18 -
Normal tax	(384643.00)		
K-a- Dividends	3068427.03		
b - US Bond Interest	15924.86		
L - Net income for surtax	2699708.88		
		2992007.29	292298.41 pl
COMPUTATION OF TAX			
Normal tax			
Surtax	1000,000.00	583510.00	
Credit 2% Tax Free Bond Interest	1992,007.29 at 65%		
Total tax liability		1294804.74	1878314.74
Amount of tax paid		4811.09	
Additional tax due 1919		1873503.65	
		1583509.68	
		189993.97	



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# DIFFERENCES

Addition to net income  
As follows:-  
Income from partnership - A. Overholt & Co.,  
increased per partnership report herewith  
Income from partnership - West Overton Dist. Co.  
increased per partnership report Feb. 2, 1921  
Profits from sales of stock increased per  
Schedule below  
Deduction disallowed for Bellefield Co.,  
Bonds exchanged for stock under Art. 1564B -1875.00

Deduction disallowed for Amortization of  
Premium paid for Bonds held, which constitute part  
of Cost to be taken at time of disposition of Bonds  
3552.18  
Total  
Dividends received through Brokers and not included  
in original return per explanation above  
222,141.00  
Total additions  
453,036.13

Allow interest paid by Brokers and omitted  
on Original return  
160,736.72  
Net addition to net income as above  
292,298.41

Detail of 129,301.37 - Addition as follows:		S.P.		Cost	
Name of stocks & bonds sold					
Fairmount Brewing Co. stock	3560.65			34,300.00	
J.J. McCormick & Co., Liqueur stock				4,750.00	
J.J. McCormick Co. stock	5000.00			21,591.80	
Union Steel Co. Bonds	268750.00			261,875.00	
" "	1800625.00			1754564.50	
McClintock Marshall Const.Co. stock					
Real Estate W.S. Moorehead	360000.00			480,000.00	
" " Depreciation	24247.50				
Cruible Steel Co.	2600.00			35,208.49	
" " Post & Flag	104904.00			59,737.50	
Union Steel Co.	175615.00			106,775.00	
Union Tank Line	514637.50			499,987.50	
Seldwin Loco. Co. Moom L & L	67892.50			53,747.51	
	101085.00			107,625.00	
Total	3428,917.15			3420,180.30	

Less- share E.P. Mellon in  
Union tank Line  
Amended profit this report above  
6,960.12  
1,796.73  
3428,917.15

Loss per original Return Block D  
Profit per amended  
Increase in net income block D as above  
127,504.64  
1,796.73  
129,301.37



A. W. Mellon - 1920 Revised 7/19/27

Income (see previous audit) 2,088,107.62

Contributions

Total made 239,841.00

Pres Cine Club 100

Wills. AC 10

Charles Mery 15000

15110.00

Revised net income

Dividends 3,353,819.72

RPB det

4347.48

3358,166.70

224,231.00

1,810,874.62

no normal tax

Protons

1,112,529.80

1,112,529.80

Tax paid at source 232.24

1,110,197.56

Assessed

919,777.86

Additional

190,419.70

74000  
6170

37000

44400

48100

195224.70

190,419.70

1930

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Block B Salaries etc

Adenholt 281,779.95  
West Division 528,144.28  
Brimelow Trust 39,050.63

373,644.86

(1,308,499.55)

(112,734.31)

116,611.97

Out on tax free bonds

350.00 -  
467.20 -  
201,294.45  
202,770.00

210,139.35

3,353,819.22

4347.48

648,250.61

Reductions

244,520.44  
125,762.35  
36,160.20

610,142.99

2,038,107.62

20334.00

Contributions 100.00  
Annuities 14,000.00  
Life Insurance 100.00  
Total 100.00

216,831.00

1,821,276.62

1,000,000.00

1,000,000.00

1,000,000.00

1,000,000.00

No normal tax

117,559.00

117,559.00

117,559.00

117,559.00



10/23/54

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1950

(Total)

	Original	Amended	Difference
B - Salaries			
Ligonier V.R.R. Co.	1800.00		
Aluminum Co. of Amer.	5000.00		
A. Overholt & Co.	2499.96		
Sundry fees	1621.53	10921.59	
C - Partnership, etc.			
A. Overholt & Co.	48350.74		
West Overton Dist. Co.	5950.55	205754.52	157403.88 pl
Financier R.B. Mellon		52814.28	46853.73
Trustees	39050.62	39050.62	
D - Profits on Sales			
per schedule			
E - Rents			
per schedule original	(1308499.55)	(1308499.55)	
F - Int. from tax free bonds	(112734.31)	(112734.31)	
G - Other income	116611.97	116611.97	
Interest from bonds	350.00		
" " Foreign Bonds	6467.20		
" " Deposits	201294.45	201294.45	
2% Credit tax free			
Bonds Int.	2132.94	2332.24	199.30 pl
Underwriting	2027.70	2027.70	
H - Dividends	3353819.22	3353819.22	
I - Payable L.R. Int.	4347.48	4347.48	
J - Net income from above	2370100.61	2574557.52	204456.91 pl
K - Deduction			
Interest	448220.44		
Taxes	125762.35		
Office expenses	56150.20	610142.99	
L - Net income from above	1759957.62	1964414.53	204456.91 pl
M - Contributions schedule orig.	239241.00	239241.00	
N - Net income for tax	1520416.58	1725073.55	204456.91 pl
COMPUTATION OF TAX			
Normal tax			
Surplus	1000,000.00	583510.00	
	725,075.53 at 65%	471297.79	1054867.79
Credit 2% tax free bond interest		1117,339.80	2832.24
Total tax liability		533,894.80	1052475.55
Amount of tax paid		115,517.38	919777.86
Additional tax due 1950		195,419.70	132697.69



DIFFERENCES

Net income increased

as follows:

Partnership Income A. Overholt & Co.

increased per report even date

Partnership Income - West Overton Dist. Co.

increased per report even date

Item in Other Income Credit 25

on Tax Free Bond Interest increased

due to error in calculation

Total additions to net income

Loss was claimed on Penna. R.R. Co.

stock sold between Mar. 1, 1913 - value and

cost not taken on original Return under Supreme

Court decision Goodrich vs. Edwards - Mar. 29, 1921

Corp. Trust page 588. Amount 156,869.50 - Not

allowed in this report per instructions dated

May 27, 1921.

Same applies to his share of loss in 1919

on Joint Book 64,276.40, Swan Falls Power Co.

Taxpayer reserves right to file Claim

for Credit in future.

204,456.91

189,403.68

46,053.23

199.20

204,456.91



West Northamptonshire  
Capital dividends

1916:	.547	— .547
1917	1.143	1.143
1918	1.417	1.417
1919	2.756	— 2.756
1920	2.526	1.528
		<u>7.391</u>

1125  
7.391

1125  
10125  
3375  
7875

8314875

1916  
High market 50  
Total 32  
Average 82  
Total

41) 46125.00  
1125 shares

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J. W. NELSON

Detail 1920 - Profits in 1920 on Stocks & Bonds - All purchased since 3/1/1913 except P.R.R. Stock last item.

Book D - Profits Sales - All purchased since 3/1/1913

Asset	Cost	Gain or Loss
End Liberty Bonds	4253.75	(746.25)
End	109.59	(12.84)
4th	41.20	(5.39)
End Liberty Bonds	5000.00	(1493.00)
End Liberty Bonds	29950.00	(19249.15)
End Liberty Bonds	99114.50	(83385.50)
End Liberty Bonds	50000.00	(14960.00)
End Liberty Bonds	8146.75	(6729.48)
End Liberty Bonds	947.04	(247.24)
4th	22.75	(4.32)
4th	23.33	(4.90)
4th	13826.00	(170.00)
4th	424490.00	(37840.00)
4th	35125.00	(7754.50)
4th	98150.00	(17177.50)
4th	248800.00	(151593.00)
4th	81075.00	(17765.00)
4th	46135.00	(21275.00) *
4th	156937.50	(39910.00)
4th	45835.00	(17570.50)
4th	80069.50	3099.28
4th	212287.50	37755.00
4th	198300.00	60143.00
4th	223475.00	27432.50
4th	1194325.00	(187837.50)
4th	189100.00	(44192.50)
4th	28600.00	(20945.00)
4th	47562.50	(22832.50)
4th	58000.00	(16170.00)
4th	20625.00	(2653.00)
4th	188050.00	(30292.50)
4th	46012.50	(27958.50)
4th	2000.00	(200.00)
4th	103615.00	(9780.25)
4th	10000.00	(1420.50)
4th	74150.00	(9069.01)
4th	51000.00	(7305.75)
4th	750033.00	(89851.60)
4th	50090.00	(18460.00)
4th	487313.13	(172011.00)
Total	4204,738.90	5513,238.45 (1308,499.55) 13

\* Non taxable dividends of { 1916 = 1.94 }  
 { 1917 = 1.41 }  
 { 1918 = 1.41 }  
 { 1919 = 1.52 }  
 { 1920 = 1.52 }

prudence has been paid

File of dividends  
 since 1913  
 not paid for 1913  
 not paid for 1914  
 not paid for 1915  
 not paid for 1916  
 not paid for 1917  
 not paid for 1918  
 not paid for 1919  
 not paid for 1920

not paid for 1913



SCHEDULE OF TAX FREE BONDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>1920</u>
International Graphite Co.	375.00	375.00
Ward Baking Company	12.00	12.00
Allegheny Valley St. Ry. Co.	3200.00	4200.00
Union Steel Co.	11458.34	-
Hill School Bonds	120.00	120.00
University Club	125.00	125.00
Country Club of Allegheny Co.	210.00	210.00
Pittsburgh Field Club	120.00	72.00
P O C & St. L. Ry. Co.	-	1124.82
<b>Total personal bonds</b>	<b>15,520.34</b>	<b>6,235.82</b>
<u>Special Account</u>		
Interboro Rapid Transit Co.		15,000.00
P O C & St. L. Ry.		350.65
<b>Total special account</b>		<b>15,350.65</b>
<u>Joint Bonds</u>		
Interboro Rapid Transit Co.	8,504.17	8,500.00
N. Y. Ship Bldg. Co.	123,045.00	123,045.00
Penn. Water Co.	50.00	50.00
Union Steel Co.	197,825.25	59,300.00
Wilkesbury & Verona St. Ry. Co.	50.00	150.00
<b>Total Joint Bonds</b>	<b>329,532.50</b>	<b>190,045.00</b>
A. S. Mallen share	224,934.38	98,025.50
B. S. Mallen "	104,595.12	25,022.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>529,532.50</b>	<b>190,045.00</b>
<u>RECAPITULATION</u>		
<b>Total Personal Bonds</b>	<b>15,520.34</b>	<b>6,235.82</b>
<b>Total Special Account</b>	<b>224,934.38</b>	<b>15,350.65</b>
<b>Total Joint Bonds</b>	<b>104,595.12</b>	<b>98,022.50</b>
<b>Total Tax Exempt</b>	<b>345,050.84</b>	<b>119,609.97</b>

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INTEREST RECEIVED SUMMARY FROM TAX

<u>Name</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>1920</u>
Federal Land Bank	39,225.00	91,780.00
Victory 3-3/4	16,071.75	3,943.75
City of Pittsburgh	4,687.50	27,500.00
" " Philadelphia	3,850.00	24,500.00
Boro of Farrell, Pa.	1,971.00	6,938.00
Country of Erie	-	11,250.00
City of Chester	-	15,500.00

Less - accrued int. paid 35,205.25

Co. of Erie	2,875.00
City of Pgh.	11,250.00
" " Chester	<u>4,987.50</u>
	19,112.50
	<u>46,092.75</u>
	<u>235,375.75</u>

A. W. MILLON - - CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Capital account - - Dec. 31, 1918 per former report 79,498,782.65  
 Net income for tax - 1919 2,992,007.22  
 Union Steel Bonds 5/1/13 value 11,875.00  
 Municipal U S Bond Int. non-taxable 46,092.75  
 Liberty Bond Interest non-taxable 5,469.57  
 Adjustment depreciation 6,184.95  
 Capital account adjustments 5,151.66  
 Interest allowed paid by Brokers 160,756.72  
 Leaden Bank Account 511.14  
 Asset - West Overton Distilling Co. 66,231.19

82,792,082.70

Lat Liberty Loan Bonds 75,000.00  
 Income tax 1,895,512.59  
 Income paid at source 4,811.09  
 Dividends in hands of Brokers omitted 222,141.00  
 Profits on sale of stock " 129,301.37  
 Partnership losses disallowed " 96,165.58  
 Loss - Bellefield Co. " 1,875.00  
 Amortisation Bond premium disallowed 3,552.18  
 Personal withdrawals 249,341.03

2,677,699.84

Capital - Dec. 31, 1920  
 Income for tax 1920 60,114,322.86  
 Union Improvement Co. Return of capital 1902 up 1,725,073.53  
 War Bonds 44,525.11  
 Adjustment Donations transferred - Income a/o 393.96  
 Tax free L.B. Interest 180,973.87

2,762.50



Book Profit Centre Ave, Lot sold 3/1/13 value  
Appraisal property  
Municipal & U S Bond Interest

15,916.70  
215,144.21  
223,278.75

82,522,391.49

Diff. between 3/1/13 value & cost less on  
P R R stock disallowed 156,869.58  
Income tax 1,686,672.76  
Joint & 1/2 donations 42,314.25  
Credit of tax free Bond Int. 2,332.24  
Partnership profits increased 204,257.61  
Partnership property adjustment 2,600.00  
Marshall Dividend 1917  
Personal withdrawals 156,128.70  
Personal withdrawals 497,576.08

2,748,751.22  
79,773,640.27

Capital Dec. 31, 1920

Liberty Bond Schedules filed with original returns are correct.

Union Steel Bond profit 11,875.00 non-taxable is based on same value as of Mar. 1, 1913 as accepted in prior years for same bonds.

Union Improvement Co., 44,525.11 is return of capital based upon information received from this Company.

Book Profit on sale of Centre Ave., lot 15,916.70 is based on appraisal of Jan. P. Donavan Real Estate Broker, Columbia Nat'l Bank Bldg., as follows:-

3/1/13 value based on sales adjacent 24,191.00  
Selling price 24,191.00  
Less - Expenses in selling 1,109.50  
Profit 23,002.50

The above examination was based on Returned Copies of Returns held by taxpayer, as I had no transcripts.

(Signed)

Albert W. Smith,  
Internal Revenue Agent.

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Offers.*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant now renews its offer of Exhibit "D", being the same type of instrument as Exhibit "C" just admitted in evidence—the revenue agent's report of the examination of the income report of R. B. Mellon for the year 1920.

*The Court:*

This will also be admitted; the same thing is true as to this exhibit. Objection overruled and an exception.

Which said Defendant's Exhibit "D", duly certified, so offered and admitted in evidence, is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "D".**

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

OFFICE OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT IN CHARGE  
PITTSBURGH DIVISION

February 9, 1923.

Field Reports Control Section

Received *Oct. 18* 19*22*

Recorded *Oct. 18* 19*22*

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Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Washington, D. C.

Head, Field Division.

The following individual report on the Income Tax Liability of H. B. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the years 1919 and 1920, is submitted herewith, the A. Overholt & Company supplemental corporation report for the year 1918, supplemental partnership report for the year 1919, partnership report for the year 1920 and partnership report of West Overton Distilling Company for the year 1920.

The examination on which the audit by Internal Revenue Agent Albert E. Smith, of the reports was submitted to former Revenue Agent in Charge James J. Quinn on November 8, 1921, but owing to the limited condition of the work in the office, the reports were not typed until the present time.

Owing to the question of amendments of reports will in the corporation and partnership reports of A. Overholt & Company, it is thought that all of the above audit reports should be audited by the Department at the same time, which is the reason for transmitting them together.

A copy of this report has been furnished the taxpayer.

*Albert E. Smith*  
Acting Revenue Agent in Charge.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Internal Revenue Agent in Charge  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

In re: E. B. Mellon,  
Pittsburgh, Pa., 23rd Dist.  
of Penna.

November 8, 1921

Examining Officer Examination Commenced Examination Completed  
Albert W. Smith, Asst. Apr. 11, 1921 Nov. 8, 1921

*Days spent on the examination*

Internal Revenue Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

The following report is submitted as the result of an investigation of the income and profits tax liability of the above named individual for the years 1919 and 1920.

Comparison has been made with retained copies for the years 1919 and 1920. Prior years were examined previously.

Authority for examination - Direction of  
Revenue Agent in Charge.

Business - Banker & Financier.

Exemption Status - Married and living  
with wife. No Normal tax.

Wife's income - Separate report. No  
change.

SUMMARY

Year	Add'l Tax
1919	155,589.61
1920	127,743.15
Total	283,332.76
Net add'l tax	283,332.76

Taxpayer has been fully advised of the findings.

The taxpayer reserves right to deduct Loss in 1919 of \$64,276.40, his share on Swan Falls Power Co., joint books as cost in excess of Mar. 1, 1913. Value should decision be made that the Government cannot take less than cost on Losses. Otherwise this report is agreed to in connection with agreement on A. Overholt & Co., report submitted herewith.

(Signed)

Albert W. Smith,  
Internal Revenue Agent.

1919 - (Losses)	Original	Amended	Difference
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**B - Salaries**

Aluminum Co. of America	5,000.00
Ligonier V.R.R. Co.	1,800.00
A. Overholt & Co.	2,499.96
Sundry fees	785.00

Total Block B

10,084.96

10,084.96

**C - Partnership, etc.**

A. Overholt & Co.	(219,514.31)	(135,858.45) <sup>122980.92</sup>	84,655.86 pl.
West Overton Dist. Co.	1,741.32	8,762.41	10,503.73 pl.
Fiduciary R.B. Mellon, Treas.	37,865.68	37,865.68	

Total Block C

(183,389.95)

(87,224.26)

96,165.59 pl.

**D - Profits on sales of stock**

Per schedules	(374,521.77)	(186,172.12)	188,349.65 pl.
E - Rents per schedule	(30,248.89)	(30,248.89)	
F - Tax free bond int.	105,330.37	105,330.37	

**G - Other income**

Bond interest	375.00
" " Joint	14,459.08
" " Foreign	6,025.84
Interest	118,886.25
Cr. 2% T.F. Int.	2,106.60
W. L. Mellon special	26,507.22

Total Block G

168,358.99

168,358.99

H - Totals from above (304,386.29)

(19,871.05)

284,515.24 pl.

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# R.B. Mellon - 1919 Revised

Block B Salaries

10084.96

Block C

West Overton  
Mellon Trust

84 1/2 +1  
37865.68  
46628.09  
122982.92

(76352.83)

Block D

Paley & Stock

(186,172.12)

Block E

Rents

(39,248.89)

Block F

Tree free land

105,030.37

Block G

Building & Trust  
Bond interest

112888  
37500  
14458108  
622564  
2650722

R.B. Mellon Special

166252.39  
(11106.12)

Block L

Not paid

142839.19  
85513.13  
53133.97

Super

Bad debts

113224.38

Contributions  
15%

314709.38  
(405018.77)

Block K(1) Dividends  
R.B. Dividends

105418.77

Net Income

12747.60

Reconciliation

70 normal fund

Report - Income

with

contributions

tax

of cash

15 years

Income

745110  
26415900

70 normal fund

Contributions

What income

received

and

511000713

I - Deductions

Interest

Taxes

Bad debts

Contributions

Total Deductions

Total from above

Dividends

Interest

Total Income

Total Tax

Original

142,839.19

85,513.83

55,008.97

68,700.71

252,062.70

(656,000.00)

1034,851.78

11,104.86

269,304.35

AMOUNT OF TAX

142,839.19

85,513.83

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68,700.71

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(656,000.00)

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Amended

142,839.19

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55,008.97

68,700.71

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1034,851.78

11,104.86

269,304.35

Difference

1,875.00

43,206.93

45,081.93

243,153.51

1,034,851.78

11,104.86

265,140.06

142,839.19

85,513.83

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68,700.71

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269,304.35



LIBERTY BOND SCHEDULE AMENDED

	4-1/4-2nd Conv. 3rd	4-1/4% 3rd	4-1/4% 4th	Cert. Ind. 4%
Int. 1919-20.	1,062.50	3,758.41	2,160.02	11,301.26
Int. 1920-21.	25,000.00	88,433.33	50,824.00	284,531.50
Exemptions				
1 - 5,000.00	5,000.00			
2 - 20,000.00	20,000.00			
3 - 20,000.00				
4 - 25,000.00				
5 - 20,000.00				
Total taxable interest amended.			20,000.00	
Original		13,433.33	20,824.00	282,531.50
Additional taxable interest		570.92	885.02	11,301.26
				<u>1,655.94</u>
				12,757.20
				11,101.26

Total taxable interest amended.  
" " original  
Additional taxable interest

The increase in income from partnerships A. Overholt & Co., and West Overton Distilling Co., is based on examination of these firms' report for which I submit at this time on 1920, 1919 having been submitted Feb. 2, 1921.

The Victory Loan subscriptions entitled taxpayer to the maximum allowance.

On Original Return loss was taken on sales of stock amounting to \$74,521.77 per list submitted with return. I checked this list and found it to be correct with the exception of one item as follows:

Morris Brown & Co., Brokers	746,375.00
Selling Price	1043,227.77
Cost	
Loss	<u>296,852.77</u>

These transactions in the hands of above Brokers were closed at various dates in 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919 and only 108,503.12 applies to 1919. He will file Amended Return for 1918 claiming loss in that year for 120,424.56, which is correct. \$52,517.56 belongs to 1917, which is now deductible under Ruling Bulletin No. 4, page 163, \$15,407.56 belongs to 1916 per Exhibit "A" attached herewith.

15,407.56  
52,517.56  
120,424.53  
108,503.12  
296,852.77

R. B. Mellon - 1920 Reimburse 7/19/27

Salaries	96,244.96
Partnerships	
Overhead	201,770.95 ✓
Trust Overhead	52,814.28 ✓
J.P. Trust	<u>39,050.53</u>
Loss on sales securities	(164,459.39) -
Rents	(51,135.44) -
Out on Tax free bonds	97,124.50 ✓
Other Income	203,443.83 -
Dividends	99,514.23 -
L.B. Interest	<u>364,496 -</u>
	1,467,029.11

Block N General Disbursements

Contributions	
Total as per list	137,915.01
Per Mutual League	<u>1,133,324.29</u>
	1,378,650.1

Reimburse Income

Dividends	99,514.23
L.B. Int.	<u>364,496</u>
	998,785.79
	<u>167,349</u>
	470
	<u>\$669,396</u>

Normal tax	\$66.94
Purchase	583,808.53
	<u>\$583,875.47</u>
7% flat source	19,472.49
	<u>\$581,932.98</u>
Assessed	406,673.28
Additional	<u>\$175,259.70</u>



Correct net income 1,008,859.28

Less:

Dividend 995,142.83

L.B. dividend 3642.96

998,785.79

Am't subpd. to n. tax	10,073.49
" " n. tax @ 40%	4,000.00
" " " " 80%	6,073.49

Normal tax at 40% 160.00

" " " at 80% 485.88

Short tax

589,268.53

589,984.41

1,942.49

Tax pd. at source

588,971.92

Balance

406,673.28

Previously assessed

188,298.64

Further tax due

assumed That personal exemption  
was allowed on wife return as  
in 1921. Cannot locate info  
re part.

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Reconciliation

Balance open August 926.326.44

Add Disallowed contributions 8450.00

Overhaul Co 76025.33

Less 770 tax credit 7010801.77

1406809.28

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Block	Original	Amended	Difference
B - Salaries			
A Overholt & Co.	2,499.96		
Ligonier Valley R.R. Co.	1,060.00		
Aluminum Co. of Amer.	5,000.00		
Sundry Fees	1,075.00		
Total Block B	9,624.96 ✓	9,624.96	
C - Partnerships, etc.			
A. Overholt & Co.	48,350.74	28,779.95	157,403.88 pl.
West Overton Dist. Co.	5,966.55	52,814.28	46,853.73 pl.
Fiduciary	39,050.63	39,050.63	
Total Block C	93,361.92 ✓	297,619.53 ✓	204,257.61 pl.
D - Profits from Sale			
See schedule	(164,459.39)	(164,459.39) ✓	(Depreciation?)
E - Rents			
See schedule	(51,135.44) ✓	(51,135.44) ✓	
F - Int. tax free bonds	97,124.50 ✓	97,124.50 ✓	
G - Other income			
Interest	375.00	375.00	
" Foreign	6,273.38	6,273.38	
" Joint	196,785.45	196,795.45	10.00 pl.
Tax Free int. source	1,942.49	1,942.49	
	205,375.32 ✓	205,385.32 ✓	10.00 pl.
H - Dividends			
Personal books	269,145.92		
Joint "	725,996.91		
Total dividends	995,142.83	995,142.83 ✓	
I - L. B. Interest			
Personal books	3,432.65 ✓		
Joint Books	210.31 ✓		
Total Block I	3,642.96	3,642.96 ✓	
J - Totals	1188,575.56	1392,945.27 ✓	204,369.61 pl.
K - Deductions			
Interest	81,833.96 ✓		
" Joint	134,492.14 ✓		
Taxes	85,934.01 ✓		
" Joint	267.52 ✓		
Business expense	9,823.20 ✓		
Bad debts	2,125.00 ✓		
Bus. expense joint	17,851.62		

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W.L. Mellon special  
Total Block L

1,377.37  
533,704.82

233,704.82  
123,324.29

L - Total from above  
Contributions

854,973.84  
128,245.08

204,267.51  
4,668.93

Net income

726,727.76

199,598.58

Normal tax

500,000.00  
426,326.44

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536,358.92

Credit tax Free Bond Int. 2%

Total tax liability  
Amount of tax paid

263,510.00  
272,848.92

Additional tax due 1920  
DIFFERENCE

1,942.49  
534,416.43  
406,573.28  
127,743.15

Net income increased

199,598.68

As follows:

Profits increased Partnership A. Overholt & Co.

per report herewith

Profits increased partnership - West Overton

Dist. Co. - per report herewith

Error calculation - Other income

157,403.88

46,853.73  
10.00

Total additions to net income

Less - Contributions increased to list - original  
return

204,267.61

Net addition to net income

4,668.93  
199,598.68

Liberty Bond Schedule for 1920 was correct.

In the year 1919 in "Other Income" is included an item of \$6,807.22 from W. L. Mellon Special Account, which I feel should read a loss of 1,886.47 in 1919 loss 1918 - 2,102.15 and profits 6,849.20 in 1917, 6245.51 in 1916, 3139.94 in 1915, 8075.66 in 1914, and 6649.40 in 1913 - but taxpayer prefers to report it all in 1919 and waives any claim on making change. This was overlooked in original return, being kept separately. I offered to make the change. See report of A. W. Mellon this date explaining this transaction in full.

See Exhibit "A" attached for correction on Profits on Sales of Stocks and Bonds handled through Morris Brown & Co., Brokers - Balance of list as submitted with original return is correct.

Taxpayer agrees to above findings with reservation to make claim later on Swan Falls Power Co., in 1919.

(Signed) Albert W. Smith, Int. Rev. Agent.

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# R. E. MELLON EXHIBIT "A"

## Profits on Sales of Stock

	Sale	1916 Cost	P & L	Sale	1917 Cost	P & L	Sale	1918 Cost	P & L	Sale	1919 Cost
Penna. R. R. Stock							23477.50	29493.75	(7016.25)	163778.00	2084
500 sh - 1918											
3600 " - 1919											
B & O R R Stock	145585.50	148250.00	(2664.50)	39877.50	44450.00	(4772.50)	117391.00	183300.00	(65909.00)	87053.00	1499
1800 sh - 1916											
500 " - 1917											
2100 " - 1918											
1800 " - 1919											
Hartford RR				19828.00	40050.00	(20422.00)	101725.00	119236.50	(17511.50)	6592.00	62
500 sh - 1917											
500 " - 1918											
500 sh - 1919											
A. & P. Co. Stock							42467.50	53437.50	(10970.00)		
500 sh - 1918											
Operating charges		12743.08	(12743.08)		27323.08	(27323.08)		19017.78	(19017.78)		33
Total	145585.50	160993.08	(15407.58)	59305.50	111823.08	(52517.58)	284081.00	401485.53	(120424.53)	257423.00	3859
					57305.50			259061		2574	
					52517.56			120424.53		1065	
RECAPITULATION											
	Year	S. P. Co.	Cost	P & L							
	1916	145585.50	160993.08	(15407.58)							
	1917	59305.50	111823.08	(52517.58)							

	Sale	1919 Cost	P & L
25)	163778.00	206418.75	(42640.75)
26.00)	87053.00	149925.00	(62872.00)
27)	6592.00	6235.00	357.00
28)		3357.37	(3357.37)
29.53)	257423.00	365926.12	(108503.12)
		257423.00	
		108503.12	



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Offers.*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant now offers Defendant's Exhibit "K", being a certified photostatic copy of revenue agent's report dated November 8, 1921, covering the examination of the affairs of A. Overholt & Company for the year 1920, which is referred to and incorporated in the letters heretofore admitted as exhibits and in the Exhibits "C" and "D".

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

1918

284061.00

404435.53

(120434.53)

1919

257423.00

365226.12

(108505.12)

296352.77

188340.85

See Schedule original return  
& Co. Brokers.

746275.00

124922.77

all purchased since Mar. 1, 1913

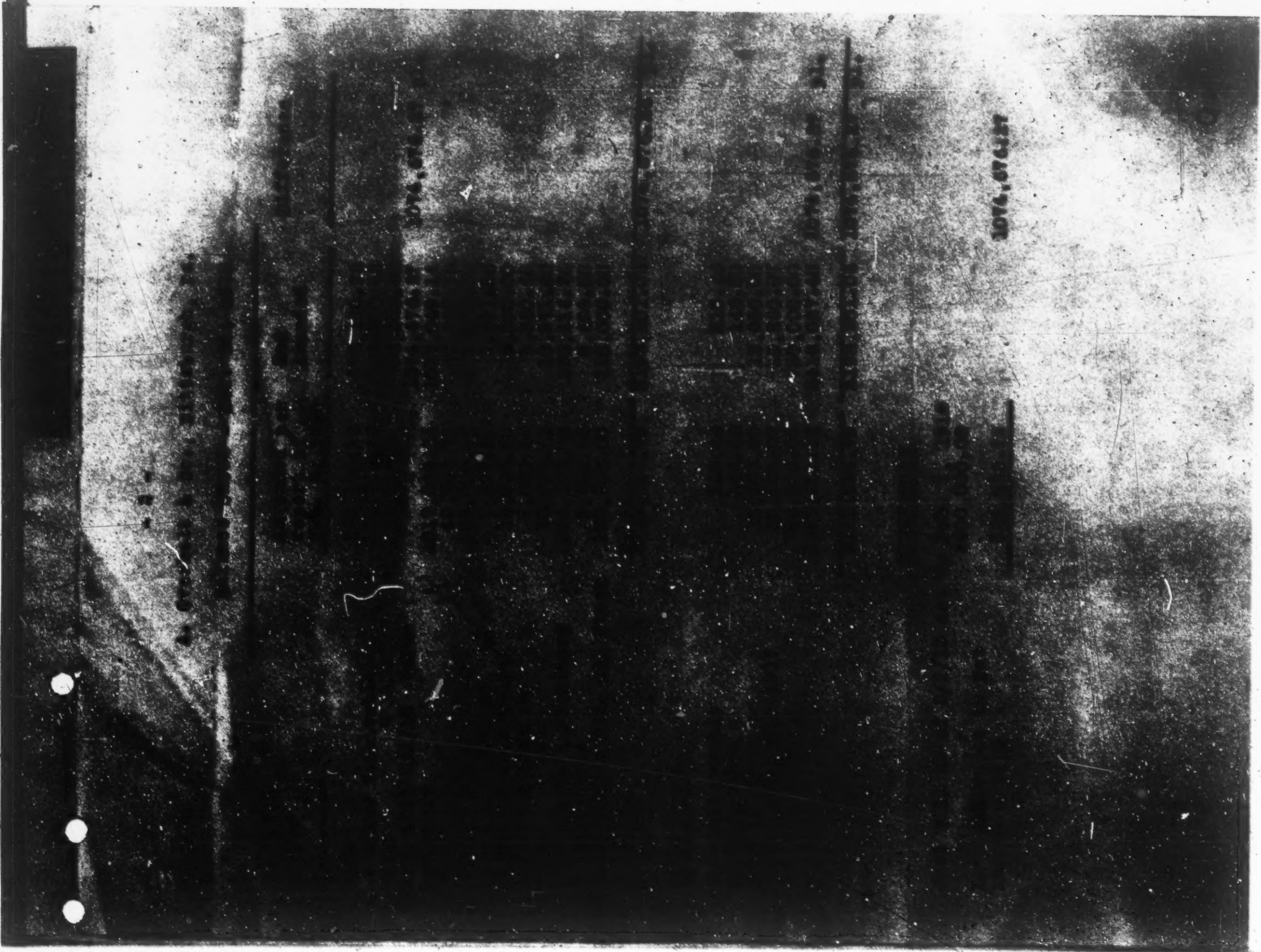
original return - Morris Brown

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**Defendant's Exhibit "K".****(Page 448 a.)**









**DIFFERENCE**

**Second**



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Income tax due

12/6/05



Prior years

Capital account decreased as above.

126,962.84  
1950,555.58  
3256,600.09 3256,600.09

Dec. 31, 1919 - Capital account corrected  
Net income corrected

1909,426.10  
617,263.85  
2526,690.05

Donations

Withdrawals 50,000.00 Exp. 750,600.00  
bills receivable

3,960.00

800,600.00 804,560.00

Dec. 31, 1920 - Capital account corrected

1951,130.05

Dec 31, 1919 - Cap per books

Add Cash Payments

Prepared Tapes

Income Taxes 1915-1918

Total

Deduct

Organization Expense

West Bonton Dist. Co

Dec 31, 1919 - Cap as adjusted

Dr

Cr

113,607.25

126,962.84

195,555.58

264,600.00

A. Overholt &amp; Company

1997-1998

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Dr. Louis J. J. J.





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*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Offers.*

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**Mr. Eustace:** "I bid in evidence"

Defendant now offers in evidence as Defendant's Exhibit "L", a certified photostatic copy of revenue agent's report dated November 8, 1921, covering the examination of the affairs of West Overton Distilling Company for the year 1920.

**Mr. Booth:**

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:



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*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "L".*

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**Defendant's Exhibit "L".**

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OFFICE OF  
INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT IN CHARGE  
PITTSBURGH DIVISION

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

November 8, 1921

Internal Revenue Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

In re: West Overton Distilling Co.

In connection with report of even date on A. Overholt & Co., I submit herewith report for the year 1920 on Partnership, West Overton Distilling Co., with offices Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Scottsdale, Pa., Revenue Agent, E. S. Martin examined the books and it is from his figures I have compiled the results herewith.

There is no change in this partnership on report submitted by Revenue Agent Fred. W. Miller and myself on Feb. 2, 1921.

~~The Liquidating Trust was sold in 1920 was disallowed and the partnership was sold to this condition that the partnership should be sold to this condition amended here for the year 1921. I recommend and agree to definitely settle on this basis - I recommend that the Department close the case.~~

No depreciation allowed, as Obsolescence to Scrap value was previously taken.

See pages 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Refer to report on A. Overholt & Co., for Agreement.

Albert W. Smith,  
Internal Revenue Agent.

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NOT A PART

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1918

1919

Actuals and Amended

1918-1919

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WEST OVENTON DISTILLING CO.

1920

Profit & Loss

	<u>Per Books</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sales Less returns	218,050.31	218,050.31	
<u>Deductions</u>			
Labor	8,563.92	8,188.92	375.00 -
Taxes	2,236.44	2,236.44	
Depreciation	1,500.00	1,739.49	239.49 pl.
Loss on Liberty Bonds	507.50	507.50	
Storage	1,211.40	1,211.40	
Insurance	5,528.16	5,528.16	
Other expenses - Bad debts, etc.	13,418.31	11,650.00	1,768.31 -
Liquidation	138,657.38	-	138,657.38 -
Salesmen's Commissions	1,230.00	1,220.00	
Inventory Jan. 1, 1920	90,965.83	121,125.00	30,169.17 pl.
Inventory Dec. 31, 1920	263,818.94	163,425.91	110,392.03 -
Total deductions	63,660.27	93,819.44	30,169.17 pl.
	<u>200,168.67</u>	<u>59,607.47</u>	<u>140,561.20 -</u>
Net income	17,881.64	158,442.84	140,561.20 pl.

DIFFERENCES

Donations Inas Gifts - employees disallowed	375.00
" Presents to employees	1,768.31
Profits credited to liquidation account	138,657.38
	<u>140,800.69</u>

5% Depreciation on mixed asset allowed	
Less - amount taken	1739.49
Total addition to net income	<u>1500.00</u>

239.49  
140,561.20

Net income to Partners as follows:

A. W. Mellon	1/3	52,814.28
R. B. Mellon	1/3	52,814.28
H. C. Frick	1/3	52,814.28



WEST OVERTON DISTILLING COMPANY  
BALANCE SHEETS AMENDED DEC. 31, 1919 - 1920

Assets	Dec. 31, 1919	Dec. 31, 1920
Cash	(353.11)	196,587.60
Accounts receivable	4.88	149.50
Land Bldgs. & Machinery	34,789.79	36,131.80
Old Whiskey Inventory	121,135.00	93,819.44
Supplies	14,504.99	13,899.62
Stamps	972.10	538.00
Liberty Bonds	10,000.00	
Licenses	58.69	
Prepaid taxes	1,509.38	1,017.94
Prepaid water rent	22.50	22.50
Prepaid insurance	3,209.36	3,068.21
US Liberty Bond Int. accrued	109.49	109.49
Deferred expenses	1,342.01	-
	<u>187,305.08</u>	<u>345,344.10</u>
Liabilities		
1919 Income tax	699.11	699.11
1919	2,862.96	2,862.96
Taxes payable - A. Overholt Co.	20,000.00	20,000.00
Acc. for deprec.	-	1,739.49
Net worth - H.O. Frick	54,581.00	106,680.84
A. W. Mellon	54,581.01	106,680.86
H. B. Mellon	<u>54,581.00</u>	<u>106,680.84</u>
	<u>163,743.01</u>	<u>320,042.54</u>
	<u>187,305.08</u>	<u>345,344.10</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Capital account amended - Dec. 31, 1919		163,743.01
Net Income amended 1920		158,442.84
Donations		<u>322,185.85</u>
Capital account - Dec. 31, 1920		<u>2143.31</u>
		<u>320,042.54</u>
Profit 1920 - H. O. Frick 1/3		52,814.28
A. W. Mellon 1/3		52,814.28
H. B. Mellon 1/3		52,814.28
Total		<u>158,442.84</u>

322,185.85  
158,442.84  
320,042.54

322,185.85  
158,442.84  
320,042.54

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WEST OVERTON DISTILLING CO.

1920

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	Per Books Dec. 31, 1920	Amended	Difference
Cash	196,587.60	196,587.60	
Accounts receivable	149.50	149.50	
Land Bldgs. & Mohry.	48,500.00	36,131.80	12,368.20 -
Old Whiskey Inventory	63,650.27	93,819.44	30,169.17 pl
Supplies	13,899.62	13,899.62	
Stamps	538.00	538.00	
Prepaid taxes, ins. etc.	4,108.65	4,108.65	
U S Liberty Bond accrued	-	109.49	109.49 pl
	<u>327,433.64</u>	<u>345,344.10</u>	<u>17,910.46 pl</u>

Liabilities	
Income tax 1916	699.11
" 1917	2,862.96
Bills payable - A. Overholt Co.	20,000.00
Res. for deprec.	1,739.49
Capital account	320,042.54
	<u>327,433.64</u>
	<u>345,344.10</u>
	<u>17,910.46 pl</u>

DIFFERENCES

	Add capital	Deduct Capital
Dr - Capital Cr. asset obsolescence prior year	15,210.21	
Dr - Asset - Cr. Capital amt. chgd. off 1920	1,500.00	
Dr Asset - Cr. Deferred exp. 1920	1,342.01	12,368.20
" Inv. cr. capital prior year change	20,169.17	
Dr L.B. Int. accrued cr. capital prior year	109.49	
Dr Cap. cr. accts. rec. Income tax Corporation prior years		3,562.07
Dr - Capital Cr. Bills payable - Overholt a/c prior years		20,000.00
Dr - Capital Cr - Depr. Reserve Capital reduced 1920	7,391.10	1,739.49
	<u>37,669.76</u>	<u>37,669.76</u>

Note - Prior year changes taken from former report. Examining Officer's on A. Overholt & Co., dated Feb. 2, 1921.

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*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Offers.*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence certified photostatic copy of appeal submitted by A. W. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, executed January 20, 1923, which is in protest of the determination of the Commissioner as evidenced by Bureau letters heretofore admitted in evidence; this exhibit being identified as Defendant's Exhibit "M".

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

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**Defendant's Exhibit "M".**

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BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

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Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Seibert

L. A. SEIBERT  
Attorney for Appellant  
747 Union Arcade  
PITTSBURGH, PA.



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ) SS:

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized thereto, personally appeared A. W. MELLON, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the statements set forth in the foregoing appeal are true and correct, as he verily believes, and that said appeal is not taken for the purpose of delaying the final determination of appellant's correct tax liability.

A. W. Mellon

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 20th day of  
January, A. D. 1923.

Wm. H. H. H. H.  
Notary Public.

My commission expires: Sept 21/1925

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A. OVERHOLT & COMPANY

By W. A. Seifert

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, )  
County of Allegheny. ) ss:

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized thereto, personally appeared D. J. HICKS, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the statements set forth in the foregoing appeal are true and correct, as he verily believes, and that the said appeal is not taken for the purpose of delaying the final determination of appellant's correct tax liability.

D. J. Hicks

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, A. D. 1923.

Wm. L. Phillips  
Notary Public.

My commission expires: Feb. 24, 1923.



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1918	Consolidated
1919	Partnerships

### Additional Tax

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part of the Unit in the computation of taxes outlined in the Bureau's letter dated January 3, 1923.

In establishing the value of the Good will as at March 1, 1913, the Bureau uses as net tangible assets for the three years, 1910, 1911 and 1912, the following amounts:

Net Tangible Assets:

December 31, 1910	\$1,737,485.85
December 31, 1911	2,048,007.39
December 31, 1912	2,294,188.76

Average Net Tangible Assets \$2,026,560.70

These figures appear to be in error for the records and papers in the case disclose the following amounts as Net Tangible Assets at the

beginning of the respective years:

December 31, 1909	\$1,411,528.57
December 31, 1910	1,737,485.85
December 31, 1911	2,048,007.39

Average Net Tangible Assets \$1,732,273.94

There are differences of opinion as to the percentages to be

used, depending upon local conditions, time, and rates of interest considered as a fair return to capital and the earnings in excess of such return to capital are of necessity attributable to an intangible asset, namely, Goodwill, the amount of which is obtained by capitalizing excess earnings at a certain percentage.

Therefore, in order to apply this economic principle correctly, it is necessary to use the net tangible assets which were on hand at the beginning of the year, for, these are the assets which earn the income of that particular year. The Unit, in applying this principle, has used net tangible assets on hand at the close of the year, which amount necessarily included the income for the entire year. This manner of stating the average net tangible assets is not in accordance with the income tax procedure. There is no doubt that the Unit will agree to use net tangible assets as shown by the balance sheets at the beginning of the year instead of the net tangible assets at the close of the year.

In this particular case, assuming that everything else is correct (and this is not conceded by the corporation), this point alone establishes a difference in favor of the taxpayer of approximately



\$200,000.00 in the value of the good will as at March 1, 1915.

In order to present the case fully and intelligently, the

following additional information is submitted:

HISTORY OF THE COMPANY

In 1910, Abraham Overholt established The Overholt Distillery  
at New York, New York. This distillery was operated by the  
Overholt family, and the following table shows the operations of  
the distillery from 1910 to 1915.

In 1910, the distillery produced 100,000 gallons of  
whisky, and the value of the good will was \$200,000.00. At  
the end of 1910, the distillery was sold to the  
Overholt family, and the value of the good will was \$200,000.00.  
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Overholt Distillery, New York, 1910-1915

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Lord Justice Lindley, in an English case, stated in part that " . . . I understand the word to include whatever adds value to a business by reason of situation, name and reputation, connection, introduction to old customers. . . . "

As stated before, A. Overholt and Company's product was known throughout the entire United States as a very superior brand of rye whiskey, and was sold by practically all of the prominent wholesale and retail liquor dealers. The concern had a large list of old customers who had purchased their product for years, and whose patronage could be reasonably expected to continue. The fact that the business was over an hundred years old and still in existence is good proof that a trade name and good will value attached to the business. Moreover, the fact that the concern's business continually increased during its entire existence is additional proof that a substantial good will value had been established.

As previously stated, however, which the corporation has capitalized at 10 per cent is 10 per cent, and it is felt that good will could be valued at a higher percentage, say 15 per cent, as suggested by the Commissioner in his report on the business at this figure. The use of a higher percentage is not eliminated in favor of a lower figure is warranted, especially so in this case where local advantages, favorable conditions and exchange conditions existed in the territory of this corporation at the time, i. e., March 1, 1913.

The value of the goodwill of A. Overholt and Company has been computed on the basis of the formula and rules laid down by the Committee in 1904, and adopted by the Bureau in arriving at the value of \$25,575.00 in the assessment letter addressed to the taxpayer.

The figures used are the same with the exception of the net tangible assets which were used as at the beginning of the respective taxable years, i. e., as at December 31, 1909, 1910 and 1911, respectively.



CONFIRMATION OF THE VALUE OF GOOD WILL  
AS AT MARCH 1, 1913

NET INCOME:

Year ended December 31, 1910	\$348,274.37
Year ended December 31, 1911	224,474.50
Year ended December 31, 1912	231,227.83

Average Net Income

Value of Good Will

Year ended December 31, 1910	1,111,325.87
Year ended December 31, 1911	1,727,491.00
Year ended December 31, 1912	1,543,407.70

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1918	11/23	of	1,120,27.2	727,074.72
1919	12/23	of	1,120,27.2	727,074.72
1920	1/2/23	of	1,120,27.2	727,074.72

Value of Good Will

APPENDIX

It is conceded by all authorities on the subject of valuation of goodwill that any value placed upon an asset of this nature is largely one of opinion. In fact the Committee in discussing this question stated that "where there is no established market to serve as a guide, the question of value, even of tangible assets, is one largely of judgment and opinion, and the same thing is even more true of intangible assets such as good will, trade marks, trade brands, etc."

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received and subscribed before on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January.

My commission expires:

Feb. 25, 1923

*Mrs Phillips*  
Notary Public.

Notary Public.



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "N".*

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*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence certified copy of appeal of R. B. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, executed January 19, 1923, being to the same effect as Defendant's Exhibit "M" in the other case; this being marked Defendant's Exhibit "N".

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is identical in language to Defendant's Exhibit "M", except as to the first three pages of Exhibit "N", which are in words and figures as follows:

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The facts upon which the foregoing exceptions are based are as set forth in the appeal this day filed in behalf of A. Overholt & Company, as shown by photostatic copies of the appeal and the brief in support thereof which are attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibits "A" and "B".

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Appellant requests that he be given an opportunity for an oral hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. B. MELLON.

W. A. SEIFERT,  
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 747 Union Arcade  
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Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized thereto, personally appeared R. B. MELLON, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the statements set forth in the foregoing appeal are true and correct, as he verily believes, and that said appeal is not taken for the purpose of delaying the final determination of appellant's correct tax liability.

(Signed) R. B. MELLON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of January, A. D. 1923.

(Signed) WM. S. PHILLIPS,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires:

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*Mr. Eustace:*

At this time defendant offers in evidence certified photostatic copy of protest to Commissioner of Internal Revenue submitted by W. A. Seifert, attorney for Andrew W. Mellon, executed January 29, 1927, with reference to the income tax of plaintiff for the year 1920, marked for identification Defendant's Exhibit "O".

*Mr. Booth:*

What is the purpose?

*Mr. Eustace:*

I might state at this time the purpose of all of these protests which have been offered and received in evidence, and the only purpose, is to show that plaintiff first asserted a claim that said income should be treated as the income of a taxable trust long after the filing of the plaintiff's claim for refund, and filed for no other purpose.

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence bearing file mark of January 31, 1927, is in words and figures as follows:



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "O".*

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**Defendant's Exhibit "O".**

**BEFORE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

**COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE**

**Washington, D. C.**

**In the Matter**

**of**

The audit of the Income Tax Return filed by HONORABLE ANDREW W. MELLON, Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the Calendar Years 1919 and 1920.

**PROTEST**

**IT:PA:PYA:ARM**

**HONORABLE D. H. BLAIR, *Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C.***

Reference is made to letter from your office dated December 16, 1926, addressed to Honorable Andrew W. Mellon and bearing the above Bureau's symbols, showing a deficiency in tax for the years 1919 and 1920 amounting to \$390,267.95. It is noted that ten days' time from the date of your letter, December 16, 1926, has been granted in which to file a Protest. On January 12, 1927, an extension to January 31, 1927, was granted within which to file said Protest.

The taxpayer protests the error on the part of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in refusing to allow as a deduction for the year 1919 the contribution of

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\$1,350.00 made to the Citizens Committee on the City Plan of Pittsburgh.

The taxpayer protests the error on the part of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in refusing to allow as a deduction for the year 1920 the contribution of \$7,400.00 made to the Citizens Committee on the City Plan of Pittsburgh.

The taxpayer also desires to protest the error on the part of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in refusing to allow as a deduction from his taxable income for the years 1919 and 1920, respectively, his aliquot part of the value of the goodwill, trade marks, trade names, etc., of A. Overholt & Company, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, which goodwill, trade marks, trade names, etc., had a value on March 1, 1913, of \$1,364,330.20.

It is respectfully requested that a conference be granted the taxpayer, or his representative, before the Income Tax Unit, at which conference a Memorandum Brief will be filed in support of the taxpayer's contentions.

This Protest is not filed for the purpose of delay.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. A. SEIFERT,  
*Attorney for Andrew W. Mellon.*

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State of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Allegheny. } ss.:

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared W. A. SEIFERT, who says that he is Attorney for Andrew W. Mellon, taxpayer above named, that he has read the foregoing Protest and that the facts therein stated are true and correct in so far as the same are within his own knowledge and in so far as the same are derived from information from others he believes them to be true.

(Signed) W. A. SEIFERT.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January, A. D. 1927.

(Signed) M. V. ANDREWS

(SEAL)

My commission expires:

M. V. ANDREWS,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires January 20th, 1929.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant also offers in evidence Defendant's Exhibit "P", being a certified photostatic copy of a similar protest filed on behalf of R. B. Mellon.

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence bearing file mark of January 31, 1927, is in words and figures as follows:

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "P".*

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**Defendant's Exhibit "P".**

**BEFORE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

**COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE**

**Washington, D. C.**

**In the Matter**

**of**

**The audit of the Income Tax Return filed by RICHARD B. MEL-  
LON, 514 Smithfield Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for  
the calendar years 1919 and  
1920.**

**PROTEST**

**IT:PA:PYA:ARM**

**HONORABLE D. H. BLAIR, *Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C.***

Reference is made to letter from your office dated December 16, 1926, addressed to Mr. Richard B. Mellon and bearing the above Bureau's symbols, showing a deficiency in tax for the years 1919 and 1920, amounting to \$341,656.37. It is noted that ten days' time from the date of your letter, December 16, 1926, has been granted within which to file a Protest. On January 12, 1927, an extension to January 31, 1927, was granted within which to file said Protest.

The taxpayer protests the error on the part of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in refusing to allow as a deduction for the year 1920 the contribution



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "P".*

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of \$8,400.00 made to the Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh.

The taxpayer also desires to protest the error on the part of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in refusing to allow as a deduction from his taxable income for the years 1919 and 1920, respectively, his aliquot part of the value of goodwill, trade marks, trade names, etc., of A. Overholt & Company, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, which goodwill, trade marks, trade names, etc., had a value on March 1, 1913, of \$1,364,330.20.

It is respectfully requested that a conference be granted the taxpayer, or his representative, before the Income Tax Unit, at which conference a Memorandum Brief will be filed in support of the taxpayer's contentions.

This Protest is not filed for the purpose of delay.

(Signed) W. A. SEIFERT,  
*Attorney for Richard B. Mellon.*

State of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Allegheny. } ss.:

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared W. A. SEIFERT, who says that he is Attorney for Richard B. Mellon, taxpayer above named, that he has read the foregoing Protest and that the facts therein stated are true and correct in so far as

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the same are within his own knowledge and in so far as the same are derived from information from others he believes them to be true.

(Signed) W. A. SEIFERT.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January, A. D. 1927.

(Signed) M. V. ANDREWS,  
(SEAL)

My commission expires:

M. V. ANDREWS,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires January 20th, 1929.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence a certified photostatic copy of a memorandum brief submitted by W. A. Seifert, attorney for A. W. Mellon, addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in support of the protest which has just been offered in evidence; the same being marked Defendant's Exhibit "Q".

*Mr. Booth:*

For the same purpose?

*Mr. Eustace:*

It is offered for the same purpose.

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence, bearing file mark of February 14, 1927, is in words and figures as follows:

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "Q".*

**Defendant's Exhibit "Q".**

**BEFORE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

**COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE  
Washington, D. C.**

In the Matter  
of

The audit of the Income Tax Returns filed by HONORABLE ANDREW W. MELLON, Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the calendar years 1919 and 1920.

IT:PA:PYA:ARM  
Dated, December  
16 1926.

**MEMORANDUM BRIEF**

HONORABLE D. H. BLAIR,  
*Commissioner of Internal Revenue,*  
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to a deficiency letter from your office dated December 16, 1926, showing an alleged deficiency in tax for the years 1919 and 1920, amounting to \$390,267.95.

The question here at issue is:

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue erroneously disallowed as deductions from gross income in the years 1919 and 1920, the amounts of \$1350.00 and \$7400.00, respectively, representing donations to the Citizens Committee On City Plan of Pittsburgh.

Section 214 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1918, provides:

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"That in computing net income there shall be allowed as deductions:

(11) Contributions or gifts made within the taxable year to corporations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual, or to the special fund for vocational rehabilitation authorized by section 7 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, to an amount not in excess of 15 per centum of the taxpayer's net income as computed without the benefit of this paragraph. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary.

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Section 1 of the Revenue Act of 1918 provides, in part, as follows:

"That when used in this Act—

The term 'corporation' *includes associations, joint-stock companies, and insurance companies.*"  
(Italics ours.)

Section 231 of the Revenue Act of 1918 provides, in part as follows:

"That the following organizations shall be exempt from taxation under this title:

(6) Corporations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or ed-



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educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual."

The Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh was organized prior to the year 1919 as an association for the purpose of promoting the orderly and efficient development of municipalities; promoting the adoption of scientific methods of city and municipal planning; acquiring constructive publicity in matters pertaining to municipal planning problems and their solution; collecting, classifying, analyzing, correlating, interpreting and publishing facts with reference to municipal planning needs, methods and benefits; and preparing and publishing for free distribution scientific model municipal studies and plans.

On or about October 26, 1920, the association known as "Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh" was incorporated under the name of "Municipal Planning Association" and since that time has been functioning under that name.

In the year 1919, the taxpayer made the following donations to the association:

May 27th .....	\$ 250.00
September 9th .....	500.00
November 25th .....	600.00
Total .....	\$1350.00

In the year 1920, the taxpayer made the following donations to the association:

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February 24th .....	\$ 600.00
May 22nd .....	600.00
August 19th .....	600.00
November 17th .....	600.00
December 31st .....	5000.00

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Total .....\$7400.00

Under date of December 20, 1926, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue issued a decision addressed to the Municipal Planning Association in which it was stated that said corporation was not subject to tax and need not file returns as the purposes and activities of said corporation brought it within the provisions of Section 231 (6) of the Revenue Act of 1918 and corresponding sections of subsequent Acts. A copy of this decision is annexed hereto and marked Exhibit A.

It is respectfully submitted that the income of the taxpayer for the year 1919 as found by the Commissioner should be reduced by the amount of \$1350.00 and that the income for the year 1920 as found by the Commissioner should be reduced by the amount of \$7400.00.

If the Income Tax Unit determines that these items are not deductible, it is respectfully requested that a conference be arranged at which time the taxpayer will be represented by counsel.

This brief is not filed for the purpose of delay.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. A. SEIFERT,  
Attorney for A. W. Mellon.

Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "Q".

AFFIDAVIT.

State of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Allegheny. } ss.:

H. M. JOHNSON, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the taxpayer's private secretary and duly authorized agent, and that he has read the statements contained in the foregoing brief and that said statements are true and correct as he verily believes.

(Signed) H. M. JOHNSON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of February, A. D. 1927.

(Signed) M. V. ANDREWS,

(SEAL)

Notary Public.

My Commission expires January 20th, 1929.

Mr. Eustace:

Also, Defendant's Exhibit "R", being a certified photostatic copy of a similar brief submitted with the protest in behalf of R. B. Mellon.

Mr. Booth:

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence, bearing file mark of February 14, 1927, is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "R".****BEFORE THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE  
Washington, D. C.

In the Matter  
of

The audit of the income tax returns filed by RICHARD B. MELLON, 514 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the calendar years 1919 and 1920.

IT:PA:PYA:ARM  
Dated, December  
16 1926.

**MEMORANDUM BRIEF**

HONORABLE D. H. BLAIR,  
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to a deficiency letter from your office dated December 16, 1926, showing an alleged deficiency in tax for the years 1919 and 1920, amounting to \$341,656.37.

The question here at issue is:

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue erroneously disallowed as deductions from gross income in the years 1919 and 1920, the amounts of \$600.00 and \$8400.00, respectively, representing donations to the Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh.



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "R".*

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Section 214 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1918, provides:

"That in computing net income there shall be allowed as deductions:

(11) Contributions or gifts made within the taxable year to corporations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes; or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual, or to the special fund for vocational rehabilitation authorized by section 7 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, to an amount not in excess of 15 per centum of the taxpayer's net income as computed without the benefit of this paragraph. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary.

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Section 1 of the Revenue Act of 1918 provides, in part, as follows:

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The term 'corporation' *includes associations, joint-stock companies, and insurance companies.*"  
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Section 231 of the Revenue Act of 1918 provides, in part, as follows:

"That the following organizations shall be exempt from taxation under this title:

(6) Corporations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual."

The Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh was organized prior to the year 1919 as an association for the purpose of promoting the orderly and efficient development of municipalities; promoting the adoption of scientific methods of city and municipal planning; acquiring constructive publicity in matters pertaining to municipal planning problems and their solution; collecting, classifying, analyzing, correlating, interpreting and publishing facts with reference to municipal planning needs, methods and benefits; and preparing and publishing for free distribution scientific model municipal studies and plans.

On or about October 26, 1920, the association known as "Citizens Committee on City Plan of Pittsburgh" was incorporated under the name of "Municipal Planning Association" and since that time has been functioning under that name.

In the year 1919, the taxpayer made the following donation to the association:

December 5th .....\$600.00

In the year 1920, the taxpayer made the following donations to the association:

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February 27th .....	\$ 600.00
June 25th .....	600.00
September 7th .....	600.00
September 28th .....	1600.00
December 31st .....	5000.00

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Total ..... \$8400.00

Under date of December 20, 1926, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue issued a decision addressed to the Municipal Planning Association in which it was stated that said corporation was not subject to tax and need not file returns as the purposes and activities of said corporation brought it within the provisions of Section 231 (6) of the Revenue Act of 1918 and corresponding sections of subsequent Acts. A copy of this decision is annexed hereto and marked Exhibit A.

It is respectfully submitted that the income of the taxpayer for the year 1919 as found by the Commissioner should be reduced by the amount of \$600.00 and that the income for the year 1920 as found by the Commissioner should be reduced by the amount of \$8400.00.

If the Income Tax Unit determines that these items are not deductible, it is respectfully requested that a conference be arranged at which time the taxpayer will be represented by counsel.

This brief is not filed for the purpose of delay.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. A. SEIFERT,  
Attorney for R. B. Mellon.

## AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, }  
County of Allegheny. } ss.:

D. J. HICKS, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the taxpayer's private secretary and duly authorized agent, and that he has read the statements contained in the foregoing brief and that said statements are true and correct as he verily believes.

(Signed) D. J. HICKS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of February, A. D. 1927.

(Signed) M. V. ANDREWS,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

My Commission expires January 20th, 1929.

**Mr. Eustace:**

Counsel for plaintiffs will admit that waivers were filed by both A. W. Mellon and R. B. Mellon extending the time for the assessment and collection of tax for the year 1920 to December 31, 1927.

**Mr. Booth:**

We object to the introduction of it, on the ground of materiality, it is immaterial; the question is not involved whether the tax was barred by the statute of limitations.

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*Bill of Exceptions--Defendant's Offers.*

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*The Court:*

We will admit it for the present, at any rate, and overrule your objection and note an exception.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence Defendant's Exhibit "S", being certified photostatic copy of waiver of right to file petition to the United States Board of Tax Appeals, filed by A. W. Mellon for 1919 and 1920. That is offered for the purpose of supporting the denial of the allegation that the taxes were paid under protest.

*Mr. Booth:*

Well, that is entirely immaterial; since the Act of 1924 it doesn't have to be paid under protest, and we don't care whether they are paid under protest.

*Mr. Eustace:*

And also on the question of the change of basis.

*Mr. Booth:*

Objected to, on the ground it is immaterial and irrelevant.

*The Court:*

We will overrule the objection and note you an exception.

Which said Exhibit "S" so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "S".**

Feb. 21, 1927

**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO FILE A PETITION WITH  
THE U. S. BOARD OF TAX APPEALS**

The undersigned taxpayer hereby waives the right to file a petition with the U. S. Board of Tax Appeals under Section 274 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1926 and consents to the assessment and collection of a deficiency in tax for the years 1919 and 1920 aggregating \$384,580.45, without prejudice to the right of the taxpayer to file claim for refund of all or part of said deficiency.

(signed) A. W. MELLON

By (signed) H. M. JOHNSON,

*Agent.*Woodland Road,  
Pgh. Pa.

Date 3/9/27 By

**NOTE.** —This waiver does not extend the statute of limitations for refund or assessment of tax, and is not an agreement as provided under Section 1106 of the Revenue Act of 1926.

**Mr. Booth:**

Plaintiffs admit that the additional tax of \$175,259.70, plus interest in the amount of \$12,527.47 was assessed against plaintiff Richard B. Mellon by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue on May 5, 1927; and a similar assessment in the amount of \$190,419.70, plus interest of \$12,082.52, was assessed by the Com-

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "T".*

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missioner against plaintiff A. W. Mellon on March 19, 1927.

*Mr. Eustace:*

Defendant offers in evidence Defendant's Exhibit "T" being certified photostatic copy of a letter dated April 16, 1932, from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to A. W. Mellon, which is the continuation letter with those attached to the claim for refund, which were admitted in the beginning of the testimony.

*Mr. Booth:*

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "T".**

April 16, 1932.

Hon. A. W. MELLON,  
Woodland Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Your claim for refund of \$194,160.75, individual income tax for the taxable year 1920, has been examined and will be rejected for the following reason:

Your claim is based on the statement that amounts of \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28 were included in taxable income representing operating profits of A. Overholt Company and West Overton Distilling Company, respectively, and since the partnerships were in liquidation, the profits were not reportable until 1925 when final liquidation occurred.

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You are advised that it is held that the operating income and the operating loss of the above named partnerships are reportable in the year in which the income was realized or the loss sustained.

If you do not acquiesce in the proposed action relative to your claim and desire a hearing in the Income Tax Unit at Washington, such hearing will be granted if written request is made therefor within thirty days from the date of this letter.

If a hearing is not requested the rejection will be officially scheduled at the expiration of the period indicated.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to your representative, Mr. William A. Seifert, in accordance with the authority conferred upon him in your power of attorney on file with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

J. C. WILMER,  
Deputy Commissioner.  
By (Signed)  
Head of Division.

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**Mr. Bustace:**

At this time defendant offers in evidence Defendant's Exhibit "U", being a certified photostatic copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to Mr. R. B. Melfon, dated April 16, 1932.



*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "U".*

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**Mr. Booth:**

No objection.

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows:

**Defendant's Exhibit "U".**

April 16, 1932.

Mr. R. B. MELLON,  
6500 Fifth Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Your claim for refund of \$187,878.17, individual income tax for the year 1920, has been examined and will be rejected for the following reasons:

Your claim is based on the statement that amounts of \$281,779.95 and \$52,814.28 were included in taxable income representing operating profits of A. Overholt Company and West Overton Distilling Company, respectively, and since the partnerships were in liquidation, the profits were not reportable until 1925 when the final liquidation occurred.

You are advised that it is held that the operating income and the operating losses of the above-mentioned partnerships are reportable in the year in which income was realized or the loss was sustained.

If you do not acquiesce in the proposed action relative to your claim and desire a hearing in the Income Tax Unit at Washington, such hearing will be granted if written request is made therefor within thirty days from the date of this letter.

*Bill of Exceptions—Defendant's Exhibit "U".*

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If a hearing is not requested the rejection will be officially scheduled at the expiration of the period indicated.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to your representative, Mr. William A. Seifert, in accordance with the authority conferred upon him in your power of attorney on file with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

J. C. WILMER,  
Deputy Commissioner.  
By (Signed)  
Head of Division.

**Mr. Eustace:**

Defendant offers Defendant's Exhibit "V", being certified photostatic copy of letter dated April 6, 1934, addressed to the Estate of R. B. Mellon, and relating to the tax of R. B. Mellon for the year 1920.

**Mr. Booth:**

**No objection.**

Which said exhibit so offered and admitted in evidence is in words and figures as follows: